

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

**WORKSHOP MEETING
February 12, 2024**

A workshop meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:01 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. Davis and Ms. Hutchinson
Absent: Mr. Mehta, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Socio

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on February 6, 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.

Councilman Andrews arrives at 7:02pm

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 Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Director of Department Community Development Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Gallimore to present her items for consideration for the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Gallimore explains her 5 items...

1. Bill List
2. Anticipated Revenue Account Status Report
3. General Fund Budget Account Status Report
4. Budget Account Status
5. Item of Revenue in Budget (Chapter 159): Department of Environmental Protection NJPDES Stormwater Assistance \$25,000.00

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Benson to present her items for consideration for the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Benson explains her 3 items...

1. Scholar/Athlete/Artist Award Month of February 2024 – Andrew Selover
2. North Brunswick Municipal Alliance – School Prevention Program – 2024 Women's and Men's Leadership Conference Series
3. Mayor's Wellness Challenge. Monday, February 26 – April 15, 2024

Director Benson asks to present a video about a mentoring program that took place at the senior center between 8th grade and 11th grade children. Video presented

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Bloyed to present his item for consideration for the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting

Mr. Bloyed explains his 1 item...

1. Authorizing the Application of A N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management Grant for Stormwater Assistance - \$25,000.00

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Hritz to present his items for consideration for the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Mr. Hritz explains his 5 items...

1. Discussion: CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee Proposed Funding
2. Environmental Commission Goals and Objectives
3. An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 226, "Rental Housing" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, to Insert New Section 266-6(D) "Rental Housing Standards" and Re-Codify the Remaining Sections, and to Amend Section 266-8 "Fees"
4. Supporting the Application of Frogtown Dispensary, LLC to the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License within North Brunswick, NJ
5. Authorizing a Contract with Gentilini Motors for the Purchase of One Fire Marshal Vehicle Under the Department of Community Development

Director Hritz announces John Flanders (Chairman of CDBG) was at the meeting and wanted to give a summary of the previous meeting to the Governing Body.

Mr. Flanders states the goals he would like to see met with regards to Environmental Issues.

1. Air quality - idling vehicles
2. Water – would like less fertilizer and pesticides
3. Sewer grates – would like the newer models not the old metal ones
4. Land – asks to preserve some of the existing trees
5. Recycling – wants to see more recycling containers
6. Garbage/Recycling – wants to see better separation between garbage and recycling
7. Weekly flyers to not be permitted – enforce do not drop
8. Businesses are held more accountable for keeping their property clean

Councilman Andrews responds and gives advice on some of the points Mr. Flanders states.

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Progebin to present her items for consideration for the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Progebin states item #2 under her on the agenda is tabled until the February 26, 2024 workshop agenda. Ms. Progebin explains her other 2 items...

1. Accepting and Adopting the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund's 2024 Safety Incentive Program
2. *Authorizing an Amendment to the PSA with Lowenstein Sandler, LLC for Insurance Claim Recovery Services (tabled until February 26, 2024 workshop meeting)*
3. Authorizing the Award of BID Municipal Complex – HVAC Project – Alternate 1 and 2 for Third Flood Air Handler Units

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Russo to present her items for consideration for the February 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Ms. Russo explains her 2 items...

1. Approval Of Minutes / Workshop Meeting/ 01.29.24
2. Approval Of Minutes / Regular Meeting / 02.05.24

Mayor Womack asks if there are any announcements to be made...

Councilman Andrews announces "Into the Woods" being presented by the North Brunswick Dram Group (flyer attached)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces the North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee Presents a free Educational session on Cannabis Laws (flyer attached)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces "Hidden in Plain Sight" Community Behavioral Health Awareness Program (flyer attached)

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick resident) addresses a concern regarding a property on Georges Road that he has previously brought to the Governing Body. Mr. Nastus asks for an update on this issue. Director Hritz and Township attorney Gordon respond. Mr. Nastus asks more questions in regards to this property. Discussion continues between Mr. Nastus, Mayor Womack and Township attorney Gordon. Mr. Nastus asks for a status update in regards to another property on Hermann Road and he asks for a status update on the graffiti on the Bridge. Discussion continues between Mayor Womack, Director Hritz and Mr. Nastus.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

a. 77-2.24 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

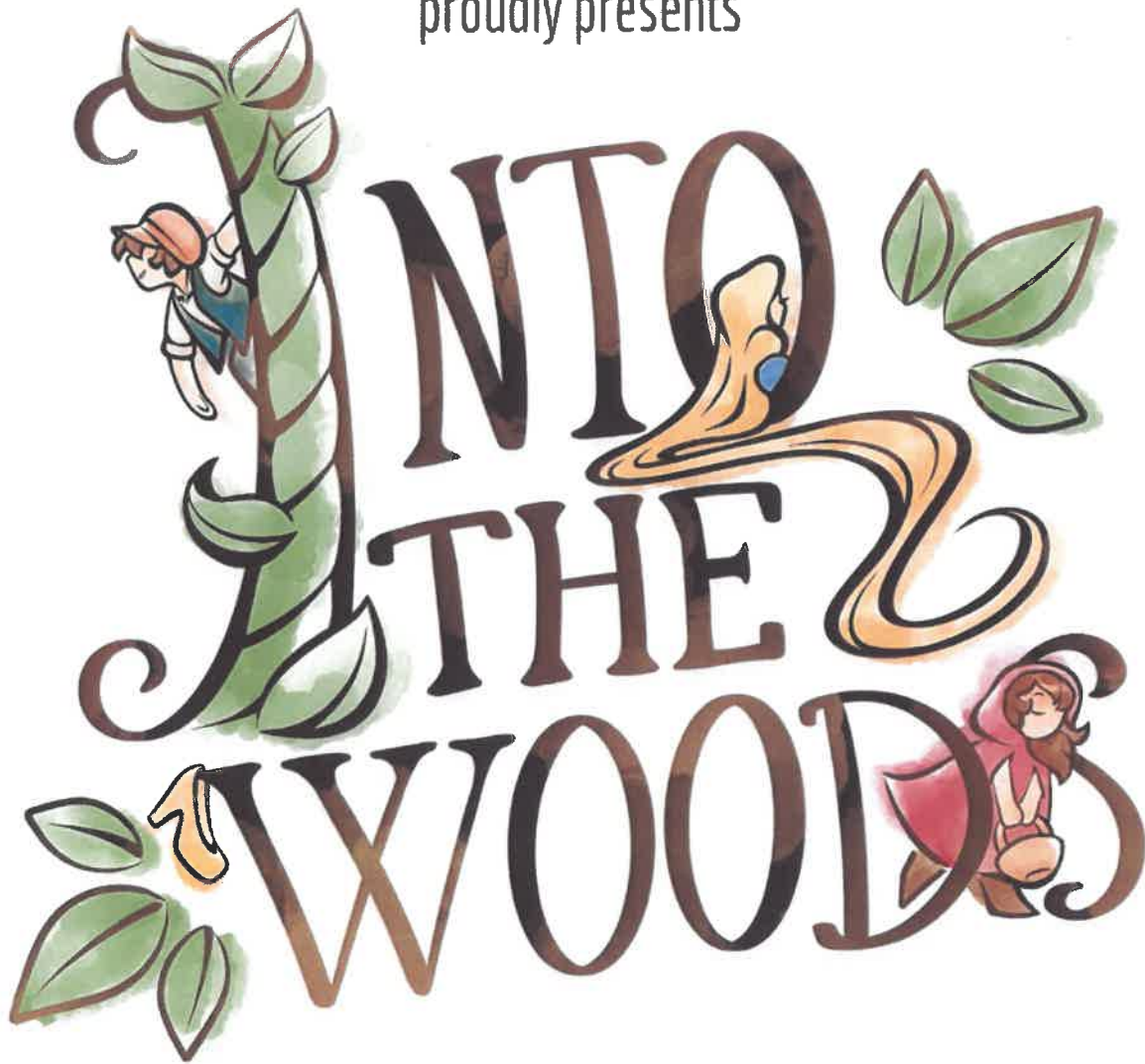
Yays:	Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Ms. Hutchinson
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Mehta and Mr. Socio

Adjourn 7:51 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
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North Brunswick Drama Group
proudly presents



February 29th, March 1st, 2nd at 8pm & 3rd at 2pm

North Brunswick Township High School

General Admission \$20

Students and Seniors \$18

Groups 10+ \$15



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The North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee Presents

A free Educational session on Cannabis Laws in your community and trends that may affect your grandchildren. A good opportunity to ask questions.

**Thursday, February 22nd from 1:00pm-2:00pm
15 Linwood Place, North Brunswick Senior Center**

Light Refreshments will be provided

Please sign up for the free Cannabis educational session by phoning (732) 418-2222. Any questions, contact Lou Ann Benson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services at (732)247-0922 ext. 475.



JOIN US FOR HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



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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