

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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Hutchinson 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 February 27, 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:

"North Brunswick Women of Influence – Annual Award Presentation"

Tangie Cobb announced the introduction for the Woman of Influence. The following were the recipients.

- Marcy Marks
- LouAnn Benson
- Rona Hales
- Kludeep Uppala

Council took a recess.

Council resumed at 7:35pm

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

Council President Hutchinson asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve item 5a – 5i on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve item 5a – 5i on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Davis

Consent Agenda

- a. Raffle Application #2402 - 50/50 Raffle - North Brunswick Baseball Association -Draw Date April 12, 2024
- b. 86-3.24 Authorizing the acceptance of the sale of Auctioned Abandoned Vehicles
- c. 87-3.24 Authorizing a contract with Nielsen Fleet for the purchase of two (2) marked Public Safety Vehicles
- d. 88-3.24 Authorizing the amendment of Contract BID22003 with National Water Main Cleaning Company for Manhole Rehabilitation Services under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division
- e. 89-3.24 Amending Contract BID22004 with Montana Construction Corp for the Mile Run Interceptor Rehabilitation Project Closeout Change Order (\$172,047.88)
- f. 90-3.24 Authorizing a Utility Agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Water Improvements along Route 27 and Route 1
- g. 91-3.24 Authorizing an amendment to the Professional Service Contract with Lowenstein Sandler, LLP for Insurance Claim Recovery Services
- h. 92-3.24 Authorizing the MOB-DDC-2024- North Brunswick Township 00015 application submission and acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- i. 93-3.24 Bill List

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve item 6a on the agenda Approval of Workshop – Special Meeting February 12, 2024, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve item 6b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting February 20, 2024, so moved by Mr. Mehta second by Mr. Socio.

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#24-02 – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 266, “Rental Housing” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, to insert a New Section 266-6 (D) “Rental Housing Standards” and Re-codify the Remaining Sections, and to Amend Section 266-8 “Fees”

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-02 so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio that Ordinance #24-02 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the March 7, 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:

- North Brunswick DPRCS Rapids Swim Team (nbrunswickrapids@gmail.com) for more information
- 2024 Earth Day Sat. April 6th 10:30am-noon at North Brunswick Pulda Farm (732-247-0922 ext. 475) for more information
- North Brunswick 45th Annual Memorial Day 5k Run / Walk 2024 Monday May 27th (<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/NorthBrunswick/NB5k>)

Councilwoman Guadagnino announced the Behavioral Health Awareness Program Wednesday, March 20th at North Brunswick Middle School contact 732-247-0922 ext. 475 or events@northbrunswicknj.gov

Councilman Mehta announced the following:

- DMV coming to Senior Center contact 732-247-0922 ext. 820 for more information
- St. Patrick's Day at Senior Center call 732-247-0922 ext. 820 for more information
- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide get your taxes done for free at North Brunswick Senior Center call 732-418-2222 to schedule an appointment.

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing.

Lana Whitehead former NBA Basketball Player spoke about program on Barbershops & Beyond for more information you can contact 732-305-0650. Next event will take place on March 10th from 1pm-4pm at the New Brunswick Elks Lodge #324, 40 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Mr. Andrews.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Adjourn 7:55 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

NORTH BRUNSWICK DPRCS
RAPIDS

SWIM TEAM



**MAKE NEW FRIENDS
LEARN NEW STROKES
REFINE SKILLS**

AGES 5-18 ARE WELCOME

Preseason starts in May!

Contact Us:
Email: nbrunswickrapids@gmail.com
Call: 732-247-0922 ext 475

North Brunswick Township
Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services
& Open Space Committee Presents

2024 Earth Day

When: Saturday, April 6th

Time: 10:30am- noon

Where: North Brunswick Pulda Farm
(next to Old Board of Education Building Georges Road)

A fun filled educational experience with hayrides outdoors
in nature. Dress appropriately, especially, footwear.

Special Guests

Open Space Committee
North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee
Department of Public Works
Rutgers Master Gardeners
Girl Scouts

Any questions, please contact
The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
at 732 247 0922 ext. 475.



North Brunswick



45th Annual Memorial Day 5K Run/ Walk 2024

Monday, May 27th

**North Brunswick Community Park
(Route 130 South)**

Check in at 7:30 am 5k Run/Walk begins at 8:00am

**5K Run/ Walk
Pre registration
(before May 3rd)
\$30**

**After May 1st:
\$35**

**Dress in your most
Patriotic outfit to be
entered into our
contest. The top three
most patriotic runner
and walker will win a
prize!**

**Children's Dash!
Promoting healthy
kids! Ages 1-5
All participants will get
a ribbon
\$5**

Packet Pick Up

TBD

Parks Maintenance Facility ,2051 US 130

Register Online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/NorthBrunswick/NB5K>

For any questions please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services (732)247-0922 ext. 475
events@northbrunswicknj.gov



COMMUNITY BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM

**WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF SUBSTANCE USE OR MENTAL ILLNESS?
IS YOUR HOME AN EASY ACCESS POINT?**



Register Here!



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.



Get your taxes done for free.

**Where: North Brunswick Senior Center
15 Linwood Place
North Brunswick, NJ 08902**

**When: Mondays & Wednesdays beginning February 5, 2024
Appointments can be made starting at 9:30 am-1:30 pm.**

Contact: 732-418-2222 to schedule an appointment.



Working for You

Whether in person or virtually, we'll help you get every tax credit and deduction you've earned.



Welcoming and Free

The program is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required.



IRS-Certified

Our volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year.

To find a site near you, or to get information about virtual services, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call us toll-free at 1-888-227-7669.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sponsors the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs. The mission of these programs is to provide free basic tax return preparation for low-to-moderate income and elderly taxpayers. This also includes taxpayers with disabilities, limited English proficiency and the Military. Volunteers participating in these programs must sign a Form 13615, Volunteer Standards of Conduct Agreement - VITA/TCE Programs. These agreements require them to provide high quality service and uphold the highest ethical standards.

In accordance with federal law and the Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service policy, discrimination against taxpayers on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), disability, sex (in education programs or activities), age or reprisal is prohibited in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Taxpayers with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation and taxpayers with limited English proficiency may request language assistance to access service. To report unethical behavior to IRS, e-mail us at vl.voltax@irs.gov.

If a taxpayer believes he or she has been discriminated against, a written complaint should be sent to: Operations Director, Civil Rights Division, Internal Revenue Service, Room 2413, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224. For all other inquiries concerning taxpayer civil rights, contact us at the mailing address or email us at edl.civilrights.division@irs.gov. Do not send tax returns or other tax-related information to the Civil Rights Division office or email address.

While the IRS is responsible for providing oversight requirements to Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs, these sites are operated by IRS-sponsored partners who manage IRS-required site operations and volunteer ethical standards. In addition, the locations of these sites may not be in or on federal property.



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BOOKS

BARBERSHOPS & BEYOND

Celebrate Reading

March 10th

1pm - 4pm

New Brunswick Elks Lodge #324
40 Livingston Ave
New Brunswick NJ 08901

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RSVP 732 305-0650