

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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00pm 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, Davis, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Absent: Mayor Womack

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by email on March 12, 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, Director of Department of Public Works Steve Bloyed, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia, Police Captain Brian Hoiberg, Lt. William Lovas, Detective Seeta Jones, Retired Sgt. Michael Braun, Retired Officer Alex Obando, Officer Jason Vallese, many other Police Officers, Special Project personnel Pat Tona, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Battaglia speaks of Officer William Trammel time at the North Brunswick Police Department.

Ms. Russo administered the Oath of office to Sergeant William Trammell – bible held by wife Julie Trammell

Chief Battaglia speaks of Detective Seeta Jones and her time at North Brunswick Police Department.

Proclamation

Council President Hutchinson reads proclamation for Detective Seeta Jones...

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes Detective Seeta Jones for her many years of hard work and dedication to the community of North Brunswick; and (proclamation attached)

Seeta gives thanks to everyone. Expresses she loved working with her brothers and sisters and will miss them. She adores the Town and thank you for having her. She is ready for the next chapter in her life.

Councilwoman Guadagnino reads proclamation for Women’s History Month...

WHEREAS, March is National Women’s History Month, and the National Women’s History Alliance has designated the theme for Women’s History Month 2024 as “Women Who Advocate for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion”; and (proclamation attached)

Councilman Mehta reads proclamation for Mitten Wars – Linwood School – Student Congress...

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick, along with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services encourages volunteer efforts and the generosity of community members; and (proclamation attached)

They give thanks to the Mayor, Council and all the children that work hard.

7:15pm Council President Hutchinson calls for a 5 minute break

7:20pm Council President Hutchinson calls the meeting back to order

Council man Socio moved to pull line **item h.** on the consent agenda.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve **items a. through g. and items i. and j.** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 95-3.24 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran
- b. 96-3.24 Authorizing the transfer of 2024 Taxi Owner’s License from Janet Ramirez Cebrero d/b/aTaxi Sim Fronteras to Reveriano Santiago Lopez d/b/a E&G Taxi Services, LLC (Medallion #2)
- c. 97-3.24 Declaring an Emergency Situation affecting the Public Health , Safety and Welfare regarding 497 Georges Road and authorizing an Agreement with K&A Excavating CO., Inc. to remediate and/or abate the Emergency pursuant to Section 243-33 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick
- d. 98-3.24 Granting an Amusement Game License to Leiserv, LLC d/b/a Bowlero North Brunswick, to operate at the premise located at One Carolier Lane, North Brunswick
- e. 99-3.24 Authorizing PSA with T&M Associates to provide Environmental Engineering Services
- f. 100-3.24 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Service Agreement between the

- Township of North Brunswick and the Borough of Milltown for Municipal Finance Services
- g. 101-3.24 Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between The Township of North Brunswick and the Borough of Milltown for a Facility Agreement for continued use of the Municipal Court
 - h. 102-3.24 *** PULLED ***
 - i. 103-3.24 Bill List
 - j. 104-3.24 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the 2024 PSA with T&M Associates for Environmental Engineering Services associated with HVAC Remediation and Restoration Work for the Municipal Complex Building

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *item 7a* on the agenda Minutes/ Workshop/Special Meeting/ February 26, 2024 so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *item 7b.* on the agenda Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ March 4, 2024 so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Hidden in Plain Sight (flyer attached)
 Councilman Socio announces the North Brunswick DPRCS Rapids Swim Team (flyer attached)
 Councilman Socio announces the Spring 2024 Open/Lap Swim (flyer attached)
 Councilman Socio announces the 2024 Earth Day Celebration (flyer attached)
 Councilman Socio announces the 50th Anniversary of the North Brunswick township High School on April 19, 2024 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. More information to come.
 Councilwoman Guadagnino announces the North Brunswick Township Hall of Fame nominees are in. More information to come regarding that.

Council President Hutchinson opens the Public Hearing

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township resident) requests an update on concerns he inquired about at previous meetings. Business Administrator Progebin responds. Mr. Nastus asks for status regarding a Georges Road property. Township attorney Gordon responds. Discussion continues between Mr. Nastus and Township attorney Gordon.

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

Roll call:

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

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:30pm
Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick recognizes Detective Seeta Jones for her many years of hard work and dedication to the community of North Brunswick; and

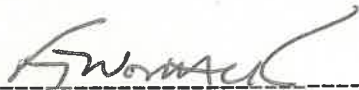
WHEREAS, Detective Jones was hired by the North Brunswick Police Department on November 18, 1998; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Officer Jones was transferred to the Detective Bureau where she served as a detective for the remainder of her career; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Detective Jones received many letters of commendation and appreciation including an Exceptional Service Award, a Director's Individual Citation, and a Director's Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, we here in North Brunswick are all very fortunate and consider ourselves lucky to have had Detective Jones as a member of our police department. After 25 years of service to our township, Detective Jones will be retiring effective April 1st, 2024. Detective Jones is looking forward to her next adventure in retirement.

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 Detective Seeta Jones and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Francis M. Womack III,
Mayor

Mary Hutchinson,
Council President

Lisa Russo,
Municipal Clerk

March 18, 2024



PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, March is National Women's History Month, and the National Women's History Alliance has designated the theme for Women's History Month 2024 as "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion"; and


WHEREAS, this theme recognizes the invaluable contributions of women who have dedicated themselves to advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, women from diverse backgrounds have long been at the forefront of efforts to address systemic inequities and promote a more inclusive and just society; and

WHEREAS, the courageous advocacy of women for practical goals such as equity, diversity, and inclusion serves as a beacon of inspiration for all individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, we honor the women who have tirelessly worked to dismantle barriers, challenge prejudices, and create opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their background and attacks against Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions programs and training in our institutions;

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the month of March 2024, as Woman's History Month and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens to commemorate and honor women for their countless contributions to our community and nation.



Francis M. Womack III,
Mayor of North Brunswick

Mary Hutchinson,
Council President

Lisa Russo,
Municipal Clerk
March 18, 2024



Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick, along with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services encourages volunteer efforts and the generosity of community members; and

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee conducts outreach projects throughout the year to support others and bring awareness and education of substance use; and

WHEREAS, Linwood School held a Mitten War competition to help collect mittens, gloves hats, and socks for the Municipal Alliance annual clothing drive; and.

WHEREAS, From December 18 to February 2 the student government club, the Linwood Student Congress encouraged the 5th and 6th graders to compete against each other to see which could collect the most items; and

WHEREAS, Each homeroom teacher also kept track of the top contributing students throughout the competition; and

WHEREAS, In the end the 6th grade was rewarded for collecting the most items that benefitted the North Brunswick Township Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, One homeroom from each grade was rewarded for collecting the most items, and individual students from the homeroom classes were rewarded for being the top in their class; and

WHEREAS, Overall, 1,107 items were collected and delivered to the North Brunswick Township Food Bank for distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Township applauds the outstanding efforts of Mr. Bryan Sanwaldt and Mrs. Angela Singerline, Linwood 5th Grade Teachers and Linwood Student Congress Co- Advisers, as well as the 2023 -2024 Linwood Student Congress Representatives; 5th graders Kataleva Reyes, Walker Sandler, Jageer Sigh; and 6th graders Nathan Barnard, Emmanuela Kanterakis, Bret Betrow, Sophia Kim, Ian Scott Ollennu, and Joshua Sarbabi.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to Linwood School for their concern for the well being of others and making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Francis Womack III

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Mary Hutchinson
Council President

Lou Ann Benson

Lou Ann Benson
Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Lisa Russo

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
March 18, 2024



JOIN US FOR HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



Register Here!



COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL 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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 A PROGRAM COLLABORATION AND EXPANSION TO REDUCE
 YOUTH VIOLENCE AND OUTLINE A PATH TOWARD EXCELLENCE
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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



Spring 2024 Open/ Lap Swim



February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19	20 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	21 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	22 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	23	24 Open Swim 11:30am-1:30pm
26 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	27 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	28 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	29 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm		

March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Open Swim 11:30am-1:30pm
4 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	5 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	6 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	7 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	8	9 Open Swim 11:30am-1:30pm
11 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	12 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	13 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	14 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	15	16 Open Swim 11:30am-1:30pm
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April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Open Swim 11:30am-1:30pm
8 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	9 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	10 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	11 Open 5:30-6:30pm Lap 6:30-8pm	12	13 Open Swim 11:30am-1:30pm
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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.