

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:02 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, Davis, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Absent:

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on March 26, 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 Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations:

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day"

Council President Hutchinson read the proclamation on "Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day"

(See Attached Proclamation)

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, 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 5a – 5j on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve item 5a – 5j on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

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

Absent:

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application/ Dylan N. Jones Fire Co. #2
- b. RA2404 - Basket Raffle - Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes - Draw Date: April 6, 2024 - Our Lady of Peace
- c. RA2405 - 50/50 Raffle - Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes - Draw Date: April 6, 2024 - Our Lady of Peace
- d. RA2406- Bingo License -PTSO North Brunswick Township High School - Draw Date: April 20, 2024 - NBTHS
- e. RA2407 - Basket Raffle - PTSO North Brunswick Township High School - Draw Date: April 20, 2024 - NBTHS
- f. RA2408 - 50/50 - PTSO North Brunswick Township High School - Draw Date: April 20, 2024 - NBTHS
- g. 107-4.24 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): 2024 Distracted Driving Crackdown U Drive U Text U Pay - \$12,250.00
- h. 108-4.24 Authorizing Property Maintenance and a Lien on the Property known as 256 Garner Road
- i. 109-4.24 Resolution to place the Italian American Social Club, Inc. of North Brunswick's Club License into history 1215-31-024-001
- j. 110-4.24 Bill List

Mayor Womack opened Public Hearing for:
Public Improvements Bond Release For 1460 Livingston Avenue

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to authorize Bond Release For 1460 Livingston Avenue item 6a on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews to approve item 6a on the agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

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

- a. 111-4.24 Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Releases for 1460 Livingston Avenue, LLC

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 7a on the agenda Approval of Workshop – Special Meeting March 11, 2024, so moved by Mr. Mehta second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 7b on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting March 18, 2024, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilwoman Guadagnino announced:

- Holi Festival 2024 Saturday April 20, 2024 12-pm -4 pm Veterans Park.

Councilman Socio announced:

- 2024 Earth Day Saturday April 6th 10:30am-noon, North Brunswick Pulda Farm
- Discover the spotlight acting & Improv workshop starting Friday April 19th (Please Check Dates on Website)
- North Brunswick 45th Annual Memorial Day 5k Run / Walk Monday May 27th North Brunswick Community Park
- North Brunswick Summer Camp June 24th – August 16th (Camp is held at Veterans Park)

Councilman Davis announced:

- Street naming April 8th at 5:30 pm Livingston Avenue and Oaks Blvd.

(for more information on any events or programs please visit www.northbrunswicknj.gov or call 732-247-0922 ext. 475)

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Resident Anthony “Tony” Nastus requested a follow-up on previous addresses provided to governing body.

Director of Community Development Michael Hritz and Township Attorney Ron Gordon responded.

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

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

Adjourn 7:26 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the observance of “Denim Day” were instituted to call attention to misconceptions and misinformation about sexual violence, and the problem that many in society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of sexual harassment, assault, abuse, and rape; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment all have a negative impact on our community. Statistics indicate that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually assaulted before the age of 18. Sexual harassment is part of a continuum of violence in which damaging effects are felt throughout our culture; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

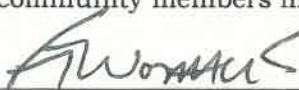
WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence and prevention programs in Middlesex County including the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small, and to challenge the social constructs that continue to perpetuate a culture of violence; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Sex Crimes Officers Association, Middlesex County Sex Crimes Liaison Officers, Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office and the North Brunswick Police Department are dedicated to ensuring the effective investigation and prosecution of sex crimes in our community through interagency collaboration and training; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in North Brunswick Township through prevention education focused on increasing gender equality and bystander intervention, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions. With proper education on the matter and comprehensive prevention projects, sexual violence and its unfair and traumatizing effects are preventable; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of April, the Township of North Brunswick strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is; how to prevent it; how to help survivors connect with services; and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and designates April 24, 2024 as “Denim Day” that we join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence.



Francis M. Womack III,
Mayor of North Brunswick Township



Mary Hutchinson,
Council President



Lisa Russo,
Municipal Clerk
April 1, 2024



NORTH BRUNSWICK MUNICIPAL YOUTH ALLIANCE PRESENTS...



HOLI FESTIVAL

2024

Saturday
April 20, 2024
12 PM - 4 PM



NORTH BRUNSWICK VETERANS PARK
FOOD, ACTIVITIES, AND PERFORMANCES!

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR ALL WHITE!

IN THE EVENT OF A RAIN DATE, CHECK THE NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!

You are welcome to bring your own colors, No liquid colors please!
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR STAINED OR DAMAGED CLOTHES

North Brunswick Municipal Youth Alliance is funded through the New Jersey Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder to provide education and awareness in eradicating the use of alcohol-related to underage drinking.
<https://www.northbrunswicknj.gov>



Dance 2 Drop DJ's Achin Tulla Masala

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.

Discover the Spotlight!

Acting & Improv Workshop

**Empower Your Child with the
Magic of Performing Arts!**

Join us for an exhilarating 5-week journey into the world of acting and improvisation, designed specifically for young aspiring actors aged 10-13 and 14-18. This unique workshop, brought to you by NextGen Acting in collaboration with the North Brunswick Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, offers a vibrant blend of creativity, confidence building, and fun, tailored to ignite a passion for the performing arts in your child.

Workshop Details: Ages: Two groups - 10-13 and 14-18

Schedule: Fridays: April 19th, 26th May 3rd, 10th and 17th

Ages 10-13: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Ages 14-18: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Location: North Brunswick Senior Citizen Center (15 Linwood Place)

Fee: \$80 per participant for the entire 5-week program

Why Join Us?

Expert Instructors
Confidence Building
Creative Exploration
Fun & Friendship!



Register online today!

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

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

NextGen





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**

Township of North Brunswick Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

North Brunswick SUMMER CAMP

June 24th - August 16th

Camp is held at Veterans Park



Rec Days: 7am-6pm \$275/1 week

Summer Camp: 8:30am-3pm \$225/1 week

Kindercamp 8:30am- 6:00 pm \$1380/6wks

AM Campcare: 7am-8:15am \$50/1 week

PM Campcare: 3pm-6pm \$70/1 week

For campers enter Kindergarten - 8th grade

Activities:
Swimming, Cooking,
Crafts, Games,
Science, trips
hours of fun!

Hurry!
Limited
Space

Call DPRCS
for more information
732 247 0922 x 475

Visit Communitypass.net to register. First create an account, next log in to the account and then register