

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

**REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 6, 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.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent:

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on April 30, 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.

Councilman Davis mentioned the Veteran Street Naming for Francisco Cortes.

Proclamations: Scholar / Athlete / Artist of the Month

Councilwoman Guadagnino read proclamation for Samantha Guadagnino and Joseph Guadagnino

Councilman Socio read proclamation for Gianna Socio

Mayor Womack called for a break. Meeting resumed at 7:18 pm

Also present: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Director of DPW Steve Bloyed, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Public Safety Chief Joe Battaglia, 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 – 5u on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio to approve item 5a – 5u on the agenda, second by Council President Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent:

Consent Agenda

- a. 127-5.24 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran - 1232 Cherokee Road
- b. 128-5.24 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran - 7 Mink Run
- c. 129-5.24 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes on exempt property purchased from Edward P. Shamy Sr. acquired and now owned by the Township of North Brunswick
- d. 130-5.24 Establishing Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Program Fees 2024 Fall - Beginning September 1, 2024
- e. 131-5.24 Authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations
- f. 132-5.24 Authorizing application and acceptance of a County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Day Grant
- g. 133-5.24 Memorandum of Agreement by and between the County of Middlesex County, the Middlesex County Prosecutors' Office and the Township of North Brunswick regarding the installation of and responsibilities associated with Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Devices and/or Video Surveillance Cameras owned by the County of Middlesex
- h. 134-5.24 Authorizing the acceptance of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, office of the Attorney General Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program State Fiscal Year 2024
- i. 135-5.24 Authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey, Hazardous Waste Administration 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$63,384.04
- j. 136-5.24 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID24003 to National Water Main Cleaning Co. under the Department of Public Works for Sewer Jet Vac Services
- k. 137-5.24 Authorizing Award of Contract BID24004 to Municipal Maintenance Company under the Department of Public Works Sewer Division for Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lift Stations
- l. 138-5.24 Authorizing an amendment to the Agreement with Meridian Strategic Services, Inc. to provide assistance with Disaster Recovery FEMA/Claims Coordination related to applications filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and public assistance grant funding and Hazardous Mitigation Programs as an E.U.S.
- m. 139-5.24 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Division of Information Technology for Information Technology Services
- n. 140-5.24 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2024 Township Consulting Engineering Firm to include services associated with the Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit Renewal
- o. 141-5.24 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2024 Township Consulting Engineering Firm to include Supplemental Design and Bid Phase Services for the 2024 Road Improvement Program and 2025 NJDOT Application for Seneca Road Improvements
- p. 142-5.24 Authorizing an amendment to the Professional Service Contract with Lowenstein Sandler, LLP for Insurance Claim Recovery Services
- q. 143-5.24 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission, Heritage Day Grant
- r. 144-5.24 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): NJ Hazardous Waste Administration 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$63,384.04
- s. 145-5.24 Confirming the appointment of as Municipal Deputy Court Administrator for the Township of North Brunswick
- t. 146-5.24 Authorizing an amendment to the PSA with T&M Associates for Mechanical Engineering Services associated with replacement of the Fire Alarm System for the Municipal Complex Building
- u. 147-5.24 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 6a on the agenda Approval of Workshop – Special Meeting April 8, 2024 so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 6b. on the agenda Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ April 15, 2024 so moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Councilman Andrews.

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#24-05 - An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of any outstanding interest in property to correct a Subdivision of the property by a Quit Claim Deed known as Block 143, Lot 189, now part of Lot 189.01 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #24-05 so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Mehta second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 20, 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 Following Legal Publication the May 16, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk’s Trailer at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

#24-06 - An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending Chapter 147 "Construction Code; Uniform" and creating a New Chapter 148, "Home Sale Certificates"

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #24-06 so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Council President Hutchinson second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 20, 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 Following Legal Publication the May 16, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk’s Trailer at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#24-03 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick Amending and Fixing the Salary and Wages for Various Officials and Employees of the Township of North Brunswick and Providing for the Manner of Payment thereof.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-03 so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilwoman Guadagnino that Ordinance #24-03 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 9, 2024 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

#24-04 – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to Regulate the Parking of Vehicles

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Andrews.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-04 so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino that Ordinance #24-04 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 9, 2024 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the Law.

Roll call:

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announced the following:

- 45th Annual Memorial Day 5k Run/Walk 2024 Monday, May 27th at North Brunswick Community Park for more information call 732-247-0922 ext. 475

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Miklos Bognar spoke on lead testing for interior/exterior of homes and current programs available.

Mark LaMonica, Township Employee Public Works Supervisor, discussed status of Union Contract for Public Works and Parks Department.
Discussion continued with Governing body.

Resident Anthony "Tony" Nastus asked for status / updates on previous concerns submitted to the governing body.

Mr. Hritz, Community Development Director explained the current updates.

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

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

Adjourn 8:25 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick's Veteran Street Sign Program recognizes Township residents who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, adding names of local Veterans to public street signs promotes public awareness of these individuals and shows our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in United States Military Departments, including the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Cortes has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Francisco studied at Fordham University, Fellowship in Media and Ethics, U.S. Army Tactical Training; and

WHEREAS, Francisco served in the U.S. Army from 1996 -1999, earning the rank of corporal in the Second and the eleventh Armored Cavalry Regiment nicknamed Black Horse; and

WHEREAS, Francisco served at the elite Ft. Irwin. In 1951, the post became the home of the United States Army Armor and Desert Training Center and was designated Fort Irwin in 1961. In 1981, the installation was re- designated as the National Training Center (NTC) and since then, its development as the premier training site of the U.S. Army has been non- stop. From 1999 - 2003 Cortes enlisted in the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cortes is currently a Disabled Veteran for injuries sustained while on a Tank Mission at Ft. Irwin, California. He continues to give back a great deal to the Veterans across the United States, particularly in New Jersey. He began as the Co - Founder of the NJ STATE VETERANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, which serves the Veterans business community across the state and has grown to one of the largest chambers of commerce in the State. He is now the CEO and President of the Setroc Group; and

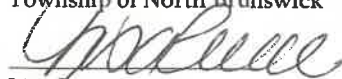
WHEREAS, Francisco has a loving family, Claribel, a former North Brunswick Board of Education member and a North Brunswick Township Council member who is now the Middlesex County surrogate and their son Frankie Junior and daughter Sofia Cortes.

WHEREAS, Francisco takes great pride in giving back, spending most of his free time participating in races and marathons to raise money for veteran's causes, even climbing up the stairs of the Freedom Tower. He is an avid outdoorsman and often goes camping, fishing and hiking. He loves playing softball on his free time and has taken up Motorcycle riding, often setting up trips with other Veterans for rides or what they call...wind therapy.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, *Do Hereby Proclaim*, distinguished recognition to Francisco Cortes for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.



Francis M. Womack III
Mayor
Township of North Brunswick



Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk
May 6, 2024



Mary Hutchinson
Council President



Lou Ann Benson
Director
Parks, Recreation and Community Services

