

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

**REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 20, 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: Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino, Mr. Davis and Mayor Womack

Ms. Sowell announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by email on May 14, 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, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia, Technician MIS Dominic Moccio, Principal Kneller, Principal Selover and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Council President Hutchinson lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation

Councilman Socio reads proclamation for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)...

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loss connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and (proclamation attached)

Kelly Hallam explains her stepfather was diagnosed with ALS. He recently passed from this disease. She gave thanks for the recognition for ALS.

Councilman Socio reads winners for Mayor Womack's Township Wellness Awards. (awards attached)

Councilman Mehta and Director Benson present North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Presentation of Leadership/ Mentorship Conference Banners (awards attached)

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *items a. through q.* on the consent agenda.

Councilman Socio asked to pull line *item q.* for further discussion

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

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association/ Joshua M. Alencar/ Fire Co. #3
- b. Raffle Application RA2403 – North Brunswick Baseball Association/
Carnival Games/ June 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30/
Devry Property
- c. Raffle Application RA2409 – The Garden Club of New Jersey/ Basket
Raffle/ June 18, 2024/ Rutgers Gardens
- d. 151-5.24 Authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations
- e. 152-5.24 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): National Opioid Settlement
Grant - \$73,992.82
- f. 153-5.24 Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles
- g. 154-5.24 Authorizing the Youth Sports Festival to conduct fireworks displays
- h. 155-5.24 Concurrence by the Township Council of the Township of North
Brunswick for the NJ State Department of Transportation in support
Of Route 27 Mid-Block Crosswalk, Central Region Pedestrian Safety
Improvements
- i. 156-5.24 Authorizing Public Improvements Bond Reductions and Releases for
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
- j. 157-5.24 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 DPW Fueling Facility Project
- k. 158-5.24 Authorizing an Agreement with Police Sergeant Robert Powell and the
Police Superior Officer's Association of the North Brunswick Department
of Public Safety
- l. 159-5.24 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County Public
Health Department for Health and Environmental Services
- m. 160-5.24 Authorizing Award of Contract to State Contract Vendor Insight Public
Sector Inc. for provision of OPENGOV Electronic Procurement Platform
- n. 161-5.24 Authorizing the Advertisement for the Receipt of Bids for the Municipal
Complex Fire Alarm Replacement Project

- o. 162-5.24 Authorizing a PSA with the Law Offices of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. to provide Special Labor Consulting Services
- p. 163-5.24 Bill List

Council President Hutchinson, Township attorney Ron Gordon, Councilman Socio and Council Andrews discuss consent *item q*.

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve consent *item q*. on the consent agenda Motion made by Councilman Socio seconded by Councilman Andrews.

Roll call:

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

- q. 164-5.24 Authorizing Change Order No. 5 and 6 with Brockwell and Carrington Contractors, Inc. for Supplemental Work as part of the Restoration Phase of the Municipal Complex

Councilwoman Guadagnino arrives at 7:22pm.

Councilman Socio announces North Brunswick Wrestling signups

Councilman Socio announces the 45th Memorial Day walk/run

Councilman Socio announces at 11am on Memorial Day at Veterans Park for the Memorial Day Ceremony

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *item 8a* on the agenda Minutes/ Workshop/Special Meeting/ April 29, 2024 so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *item 8b*. on the agenda Minutes/ Regular Council Meeting/ May 6, 2024 so moved by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Mehta

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#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 189.01 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex*

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

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

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #24-05** So moved Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino that **Ordinance #24-05** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 24, 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:

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

#24-06 – *An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending Chapter 147 “Construction Code; Uniform” and creating a New Chapter 148, “Home Sales Certificates”*

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

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

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #24-06** So moved Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Guadagnino that **Ordinance #24-06** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 24, 2024 issue of the

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Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Davis and Mayor Womack

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio made announcements earlier in the meeting

Council President Hutchinson opens the Public Hearing

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township resident) inquires about the previous Tuesday nights resident meeting. Councilman Socio responds. Mr. Nastus asks for status updates regarding other inquiries he has presented in the past. Director Hritz responds

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, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Davis and Mayor Womack

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:36pm
Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

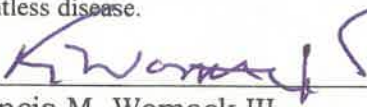
WHEREAS, we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Ice Bucket Challenge through a renewed commitment to galvanize public awareness and support funding leading to significant investments in ALS research; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally, has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

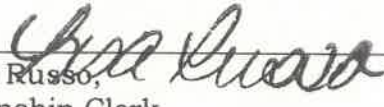
WHEREAS, our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it.

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person but on his or her family and the community, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim** the month of May 2024 as ALS Awareness Month and we call upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.


Francis M. Womack III,
Mayor


Mary Hutchinson,
Council President


Lisa Russo,
Township Clerk



May 20, 2024



2024

North Brunswick Township Wellness 2024 Challenge Achievement Award

Presented to

Chris Henning

For promoting health and wellness that encourages positive lifestyle behaviors

Francis Womack

Mayor, Francis "Mac" Womack III

Lisa Russo

Lisa Russo—Township Clerk

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Lou Ann Benson—Director

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Joanna DeLuca

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Dominic Moccio

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Laura Palszynski

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Township of North Brunswick Municipal Alliance

Creating an environment of wellness providing education on topics of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Leadership Conference Design Winning Banner Awarded to

Yanalis Reid

For Creating an outstanding Banner!

Francis L. DeMark

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Amanda Guadagnino
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Rajesh Mehta
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