

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

**REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:01 pm at the North Brunswick Township Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Hutchinson called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Mr. Andrews and Mayor Womack

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on August 28, 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 Clerks office.

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Department of Public Works Steven Bloyed, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

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

Councilman Socio asked to pull line **items f., j. and k.** from the consent agenda.

Item j. for discussion.

Items j. and k. for action after the budget presentation.

Council President Hutchinson asked to a motion to discuss consent agenda **item f. 273-9.24 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the 2024 PSA with USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd. To provide Architectural and Engineering Services associated with Proposed Resiliency Center Concept/Design Services** Motion made by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Council President Hutchinson.

Discussion in regards to **item f.** on the consent agenda between Councilman Socio, Councilwoman Guadagnino, Township Attorney Gordon, Business Administrator Progebin, Council President Hutchinson, Councilman Davis and Councilman Mehta.

Council President Hutchinson called for a roll call to approve consent *item f. 273-9.24 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the 2024 PSA with USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd. To provide Architectural and Engineering Services associated with Proposed Resiliency Center Concept/Design Services*

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *items 8a. through 8e., 8g. through 8i. and 8l.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 268-9.24 Approving a Large Event application for the 2024 Purple for Pappas 5K, hosted by the Aubrey Foundation
- b. 269-9.24 Authorizing the acceptance of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General SFY24 Pop-Up Party Prevention & Response Initiative State Fiscal Year 2024 and Subaward No: 24-PPP-06
- c. 270-9.24 Authorizing an Agreement with American Freedom Tribute, Bullard Texas, USA to provide the Double Sided American Veterans Traveling Tribute to the Community of North Brunswick
- d. 271-9.24 Authorizing an Agreement with Allrisk, Inc. to provide Restoration Services to the Municipal Complex – Police Wing
- e. 272-9.24 Authorizing Contracts with the LBJ Interior Solutions for the purchase of Basement Flooring Material at the Municipal Complex
- f. 273-9.24 *Authorizing a Change in Scope to the 2024 PSA with USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd. To provide Architectural and Engineering Services associated with Proposed Resiliency Center Concept/Design Services (Pulled from consent agenda for discussion. Discussed and action taken prior in meeting)*
- g. 274-9.24 Authorizing execution of an Agreement with International Fireworks Mfg. Co., Inc. for the 2024 Heritage Day Fireworks Display
- h. 275-9.24 Authorizing a Revocable Property Use License Agreement between Renaissance Village 1 Condominium Associates Inc. and the Township of North Brunswick over a portion of Property known as Block 148.02 Lot 47 on the Official tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick

- i. 276-9.24 Declaring an Emergency Situation affecting the Public Health, Safety And Welfare regarding 937 Hermann Road and 1270 South Barkley Place, and authorizing an Agreement with K&A Excavating Co., Inc. to remediate and/or abate the Emergency pursuant to Section 243-32 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick
- j. 277-9.24 *Amending the Introduced FY2025 Budget (Pulled from consent agenda For action after the budget presentation)*
- k. 278-9.24 *Resolution adopting the FY2025 Budget (Pulled from consent agenda for Action after the budget presentation)*
- l. 279-9.24 Bill List

Business Administrator Progebin gives the SFY2025 Budget Presentation

Chief Financial Officer Gallimore speaks regarding Amending the Introduced State Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Budget

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing regarding the SYF2025 Budget

No public comment

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to close the Public Hearing on the SFY2025 Budget , so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Chief Financial Officer Gallimore Certifies Compliance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-8 (Advertising, Posting and Distribution)

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve consent ***item j. 277-9.24 Amending the introduced FY2025 Budget.*** So moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve consent ***item k. 278-9.24 Resolution adopting the FY2025 Budget.*** So moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *item 9a.* on the agenda **Workshop/Regular Meeting/ July 29, 2024** so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to approve *item 9b.* on the agenda **Special Meeting/ August 19, 2024** so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#24-14 – An Ordinance by the Township of North Brunswick in Middlesex County, New Jersey amending Chapter 205-92.11 “Cannabis Route 1 Corridor Overlay Zone” and amending Exhibit A “Map” and Exhibit C “Schedule of Properties,” and amending Chapter 140 “Cannabis, Licensed Business” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to introduce ***Ordinance #24-14*** so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication the September 6, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk’s Office at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

#24-15 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 176 “Fire Prevention” to establish regulations governing False Alarms

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #24-15** so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication the September 6, 2024 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk’s Office at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing:

#24-12 – Bond Ordinance for providing Capital Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$8,000,000 thereof and authoring the issuance of \$7,600,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

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

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to adopt **Ordinance #24-12** So moved Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio that **Ordinance #24-12** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 6, 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, Davis, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Andrews and Mayor Womack

#24-13 – Bond Ordinance for providing Capital Improvements of the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System in and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost thereof

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

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

Roll call:

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

Council President Hutchinson called for a motion to adopt ***Ordinance #24-13*** So moved Councilman Mehta second by Councilman Davis that ***Ordinance #24-13*** approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 6, 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, Davis, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Andrews and Mayor Womack

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announces Heritage Day on October 5, 2024. The Community Camp out is the same night as Heritage Day.

Councilman Davis announces the 911 Memorial Ceremony.

Council President Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Resident) informs the governing body he went to a New Brunswick Board of Education meeting to discuss his concerns in regards to the New Brunswick School buses going down North Brunswick residential roads. He explained what was discussed at that meeting. Council President Hutchinson responds. Discussion continues (pictures Mr. Nastus provided in discussion attached)

Rich Fabia (North Brunswick Resident) states he is there to answer any question regarding the Youth Sports Festival budget. Councilman Socio responds.

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

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 8:17 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk



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