

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2024**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:01 pm at the Township of North Brunswick Municipal Complex Court Room located at 710 Hermann Road, 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

Absent:

Lisa Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on September 10, 2024 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office at the Municipal Complex.

Councilman Andrews lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Also present:** Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of DPW Steve Bloyed, Director of DPRCS, Lou Ann Benson, Public Safety Chief Joe Battaglia, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz.

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Guadagnino had questions about item h on the consent agenda. The governing body agreed to have item h on the consent agenda removed for an amendment to the resolution.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 5a to 5g and 5i to 5w on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: Andrews

Absent:

**Consent Agenda**

- a. 280-9.24 Authorizing Award of Contract BID24011 to Furniture X Change under the Public Safety Department for the procurement of refurbished furniture for the Public Safety Wing of the Municipal Complex
- b. 281-9.24 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Grant from the County of Middlesex, State of NJ - Drunk Driving Check Points - \$10,780.00

- c. 282-9.24 Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- d. 283-9.24 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for BID24013 - provision of Licensed Electrician Services
- e. 284-9.24 Authorizing an Emergency Contract with Electrical Power Systems for Essential Electric Generation Services for Temporary Public Safety Facilities
- f. 285-9.24 Authorizing Award of Contract BID24012 to On Site Landscape Management for Landscape Maintenance Services
- g. 286-9.24 Authorizing the Sale of Alcohol Beverages beginning at 9:00 AM on October 6, October 13, October 20 and November 10, 2024 at the North Brunswick Pub
- i. 288-9.24 Authorizing the acceptance of an Altice Podcast Studio Grant –\$10,000.00
- j. 289-9.24 Authorizing the Issuance of Requests for Proposals for Professional and Consulting Services for Calendar Year 2025
- k. 290-9.24 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Altice BPU Directives Podcast Studio Grant
- l. 291-9.24 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): Safe and Secure Communities Program - \$45,150.00
- m. 292-9.24 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): Pop-Up Party Prevention & Response Initiative
- n. 293-9.24 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): Middlesex County DWI Check Point Grant - \$10,780.00
- o. 294-9.24 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159): National Opioid Settlement Grant - \$35,829.60
- p. 295-9.24 Bill List
- q. 296-9.24 Establishing curfew for October 30, 2024, Mischief Night and October 31, 2024, Halloween Night
- r. 297-9.24 Authorizing a Change Order No. 1 with Spiniello Companies for the Old Georges Road Water Distribution System Improvements Project to amend the Contract Scope from Cleaning and Lining of the existing Water Main to replacing the Water Main in its entirety
- s. 298-9.24 Confirming the appointment of Gary M. Price, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge for the Township of North Brunswick
- t. 299-9.24 Authorizing a Contract with All Risk for Interior Window Finishing Work
- u. 300-9.24 Providing informational update on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and RWDSU Local 108 - Clerical Division

- v. 301-9.24 Authorizing a Contract with Tactical Public Safety for the purchase of Replacement Dispatch Equipment
- w. 302-9.24 Providing informational update on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and RWDSU Local 108 - Blue Collar Division

Resolution 287-9.24 was pulled from the Consent Agenda to be Amended Township Attorney Ron Gordon explained the amendment.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 5h resolution 287-9.24 on the consent agenda so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 6a on the agenda Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes August 26, 2024 so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Hutchinson.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 6b. on the agenda of Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 3, 2024 so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

### **Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing**

#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 Businesses" of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

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 adopt Ordinance #24-14 so moved by Councilman Socio second by councilwoman Guadagnino that Ordinance #24-14 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 19, 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, Davis, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Nays:  
Abstain: Andrews  
Absent:

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

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #24-15 so moved by Councilman Socio second by councilwoman Guadagnino that Ordinance #24-15 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 19, 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, Davis, Socio and Ms. Hutchinson  
Nays:  
Abstain: Andrews  
Absent:

#### **Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO**

Councilman Socio announced the following:

- North Brunswick 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Day Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Community Park
- Halloween Happenings Saturday October 19 at Community Park
- DPRCS Lacrosse Clinic

For any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Department of DPRCS at 732-247-0922 ext. 475

Mayor Womack read proclamation for Councilman Andrews. (proclamation attached)

All of the council members and directors spoke and thanked Ralph for all the years he has dedicated to the Township of North Brunswick he will be greatly missed.

Councilman Andrews thanked all of his colleagues, Mayor Womack and Township attorney Ron Gordon for the 26 years of serving the Township of North Brunswick between being a council member and being on the planning board. He also, thanked the residents of North Brunswick for always supporting him.

Councilman Andrews Family were also, in attendance.

Mayor Womack called for a recess at 7:28 pm for cake and coffee for Councilman Andrews.

Mayor Womack called to resume meeting at 7:44 pm

Councilman Davis mention the street naming that was held tonight.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing.

Resident Anthony "Tony" Nastus asked about updates on previous issues he has mentioned to the governing body. Mr. Hritz, Mayor Womack and Township Attorney Ron Gordon replied.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Adjourn 7:55 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

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heritagedaynb@gmail.com



# North Brunswick 42nd Annual Heritage Day

◆ Live Music ◆ Food ◆ Vendors ◆

Beer Garden ◆ Fireworks

Saturday, October 5th

Community Park

3pm



Performing at 5:45pm & 7:15pm



Rain Date: Sunday, October 6th



# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

● Saturday, October 19th

● Community Park

● 1pm-4pm

● Pumpkin Decorating  
● Trick or treating  
● Games, Treats  
● & MORE!

**\$5 PER CHILD  
PRE-REGISTERD**

**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING  
NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

**DAY OF EVENT  
\$7 PER CHILD**



For more information contact the DPRCS office at 732-247-0922 ext. 475

[events@northbrunswicknj.gov](mailto:events@northbrunswicknj.gov)

October 1st and 8th 2024

DPRCS LACROSSE CLINIC  
Boys and Girls,  
Grades 2-8



# TRY LACROSSE WITH US!



North Brunswick Township invites all 2nd - 8th graders to come out to our re-opening of the Boys and Girls Recreation Lacrosse Clinic! We are very excited to get the program back up and running and we hope you will be apart of our new LAX family!

Time:

Girls: 6pm - 8pm

Boys: 6pm - 8pm

Location: Linwood Middle School

Dates:

October 1st and 8th

2024

For any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to us

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# PROCLAMATION

*By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick*

**WHEREAS**, Councilman Ralph Andrews is stepping down from his role on the Governing Body after nearly 24 years of exemplary service to the Township of North Brunswick; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than two decades Ralph has been a pillar of our community, working tirelessly to improve the lives of our residents. His dedication as a liaison to the Planning Board and his work with both the Open Space Committee and Environmental Commission have left a lasting impact on the development of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on the council, Ralph played a key role in numerous initiatives, particularly in advocating for open space. He was instrumental in the 100-acre land acquisition that led to the creation of North Brunswick Community Park in 2005, now a cherished space for residents of all ages. With a background in construction, Ralph also made significant contributions during his time on the Planning Board. He was a forward thinker, championing energy-efficient solutions in development that went beyond vehicle charging stations and rooftop solar panels; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilman Andrews had a vision for the future of New Jersey, focusing on major issues like sustainable energy and transportation, including his advocacy for the Train Station at the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). He was equally committed to less visible yet vital initiatives such as alternative fueling methods, stormwater management, and water conservation. His efforts were pivotal in the township's water meter replacement project, ensuring that residents would receive user-friendly water bills measured in gallons; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond his council work, Ralph Andrews has been a dedicated volunteer, coaching youth soccer and mentoring the next generation. As a widowed parent following the loss of his wife, Marguerite, Andrews found strength and support in the North Brunswick community as he raised their two children, Jill and Nicholas. He never forgot the value of mentorship and giving back, working closely with Police Director McCormick and Chief Battaglia on initiatives that supported at-risk youth and empowered them to see a bright future despite life's challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilman Andrews' departure marks the end of an era but his legacy will live on through the many projects and programs he helped bring to fruition.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE** the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, the sincere gratitude, respect, and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Ralph Andrews and note that his presence on the Council will be greatly missed by all for years to come.

Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor of North Brunswick

Mary Hutchinson,  
Council President

Lisa Russo,  
Municipal Clerk

September 16, 2024

