NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

WORKSHOP MEETING October 28, 2024

A workshop meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00pm at the North Brunswick Township Council Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Chedid, Mehta and Davis

Absent: Mr. Socio and Ms. Hutchinson

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by email on October 22, 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 Parks Recreation and Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Council President Hutchinson arrives at 7:01pm

Proclamation

National First Responders Day proclamation read by Mayor Womack...

Whereas, on National First Responders Day, we recognize and celebrate all the brave first responders across our country who risk their lives to keep the rest of us safe. Our first responders represent the very best of who we are as a people; and (proclamation attached)

Chief Battaglia takes the proclamation and states her will make sure everyone involved will receive a copy.

Workshop Agenda Items

Mayor Womack asked Chief Battaglia to present his item for consideration for the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting...

Chief Battaglia explains his 1 item...

1. Ordinance authorizing the Lease of the Sabella Park Annex to the North Brunswick PBA and SOA Local 160 – Councilman Davis asks question regarding this item. Discussion continues with Councilman Davis, Chief Battaglia and Business Administrator Progebin

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Gallimore to present her item for consideration.... Ms. Gallimore explains her 6 item...

- 1. Bill List
- Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2024 Best Practice Inventory Discussion on this item between Chief Financial Officer Gallimore and Mayor Womack stating the inventory results and certification.
- 3. Budget Account Status Report General Fund Budget Salaries and Wages Discussion Between Councilwoman Guadagnino and Township Attorney Gordon in regards to this item
- 4. Budget Account Status Report General Fund Budget Other Expenses
- 5. Budget Account Status Report General Fund Revenue
- 6. Item of Revenue in Budget (Chapter 159): Think. Act. Live. Community Safety Initiative North Brunswick Traffic Policing \$33,000.00

Mayor Womack asks if any councilmember have any announcements...

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces NextGen Acting (flyer attached)
Councilwoman Guadagnino announces the pre-season Lacrosse Clinic (flyer attached)
Councilwoman Guadagnino announces the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony (flyer attached)
Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Breakfast with Santa (flyer attached)
Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Letter to Santa (flyer attached)

Councilman Davis announces the Annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony (flyer attached)

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Bloyed to present his items for consideration for the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting...

Mr. Bloyed explains his 4 items...

- Authorizing a Contract with Commercial Technology Contractors Incorporated (CTCI) for additions to the Municipal Complex's existing Access Control System – Councilwoman Guadagnino asks question in regards to this item, Director Bloyed responds.
- Authorizing an amendment to the Agreement PRO24050 with Willscot Mobile Mini for Temporary Facilities – Discussion between Mayor Womack and Director Bloyed in regards to this item
- 3. Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID24004 with Municipal Maintenance Company for Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lift Stations Discussion in regards to this item between Councilman Chedid, Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Guadagnino, Mayor Womack and Director Bloyed
- 4. Authorizing Change Order 2 with Brockwell and Carrington Contractors, Inc. for Supplemental Work as part of the Municipal Fire Alarm Replacement Project

Director Hritz explains the issues with there being no rain – discussion continues with Councilman Mehta, Councilwoman Guadagnino, Councilman Davis, Councilman Chedid and Mayor Womack.

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Hritz to present his items for consideration for the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting...

Mr. Hritz explains his 3 items...

- 1. Authorizing an amendment to the 2024 Agreement (PRO24009) with CME Associates appointed as the 2024 Township Consulting Engineering Firm Discussion between Director Hritz and Mayor Womack in regards to this item
- 2. An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick to acquire by negotiated Agreement Real Property known and designated as Tax Block 4.19, Lot 2 located on Leonard Street for Open Space and other Governmental Purposes
- 3. Discussion: Affordable Housing Fourth Round Discussion in regards to this item between Councilwoman Guadagnino, Councilman Davis, Council President Hutchinson, Director Hritz, Township Attorney Gordon and Mayor Womack.

Mayor Womack asked Mr. Gordon to present his item for consideration for the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting...

Mr. Gordon explains his 1 item...

An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick authorizing execution of a Rights-Of-Way Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and Comcast Business Communications, LLC, to permit the installation, use and maintenance of Telecommunications Facilities within the Public Rights-Of-Way for purpose of providing Telecommunications Services – Discussion on this item between Councilwoman Guadagnino, Councilman Davis, Councilman Mehta, Township Attorney Gordon and Mayor Womack

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Progebin to present her items for consideration for the November 4, 2024 council Meeting...

Ms. Progebin explains her 2 items...

- Authorizing a Propriety Contract with Rio Supply, Inc. for Neptune 360 Water AMI System – Discussion on this item between Councilman Davis, Business Administrator Progebin and Township Attorney Gordon
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing and Amendment to the PSA with T&M for Resiliency Center MEP Services

Mayor Womack asked Ms. Russo to present her items for consideration for the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting...

Ms. Russo explains her 2 items...

- 1. Approval of Minutes/ Workshop Meeting/ October 15, 2024
- 2. Approval of Minutes/Regular Meeting/October 21, 2024

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approved *items a. and b.* on the consent agenda. So moved by Councilman Davis seconded by Councilwoman Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Socio

Consent Agenda

a. 331-10.24 Bill List

b. 332-10.24 Resolution Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2024 Best

Practice Inventory

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Mehta announces a great turn out and event for Diwali. There were over 500 people who came out for this event. They did not have any fireworks at this event due to the concern form there being no rain.

Mayor Womack opens the Public Hearing

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick resident) speaks of numerous concerns he has regarding different addresses through out the Township and questions code enforcement. Discussion continues between Mr. Nastus, Director Hritz, Mayor Womack and Township Attorney Gordon.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Councilwoman Gudagnino second by Councilman Davis

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Socio Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilman Davis, second by Council President Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Socio

Adjourn 8:05pm Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, on National First Responders Day, we recognize and celebrate all the brave first responders across our country who risk their lives to keep the rest of us safe. Our first responders represent the very best of who we are as a people; and

WHEREAS, first responders include our public works professionals, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, 911 operators, and other emergency personnel. They stand on the front lines of our communities, selflessly serving and protecting the citizens of North Brunswick in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, first responders are everyday heroes and we grateful for their service. Our first responders respond swiftly and courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children everywhere to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of all first responder efforts in our communities; and

WHEREAS, October 28, 2024 marks the 6th annual National First Responders Day.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, October 28th as National First Responders Day and call upon our citizens to observe this day, to honor our brave first responders, and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Francis M. Womack III,

Mayor

Mary Hutchinson, Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

October 28, 2024



NextGen Acting

PRESENTS

ACTING AND IMPROV WORKSHOPS WITH DPRCS

FRIDAYS THIS FALL

77 AGES 7-12 3:45-4:45 PM

Students will **explore their creativity**, **build confidence**, and **have fun** making friends in our improv and acting workshops with the North Brunswick Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.!

Each week, young performers will dive into the fundamentals of acting through engaging theatre games and lively improv activities. With a focus on teamwork, expression, and having fun, students will develop skills that go beyond the stage.

At the end of the 6-week session, family and friends are invited to join us for a special showcase where our young stars will share highlights from their journey.

DATES:

NOV 1, 8, 15 AND 22 DEC 6 AND 13

LOCATION:

NORTH BRUNSWICK SENIOR CENTER
15 LINWOOD PLACENORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ

\$105 per student for 6 sessions Spots are limited—sign up today! Ready, set, act! *





ANY QUESTIONS KINDLY PHONE THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AT 732 247 0922 EXT. 475

GET READY TO LAX!!

North Brunswick Township

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services invites YOU to our Pre-Season Lacrosse Clinic! Clinics will be held at The North Brunswick Linwood School in the gym 6:00pm - 8:00pm every Tuesday and Thursday

January 28, 2025 to March 13, 2025.

(A schedule will be sent out closer to the start of pre-season)



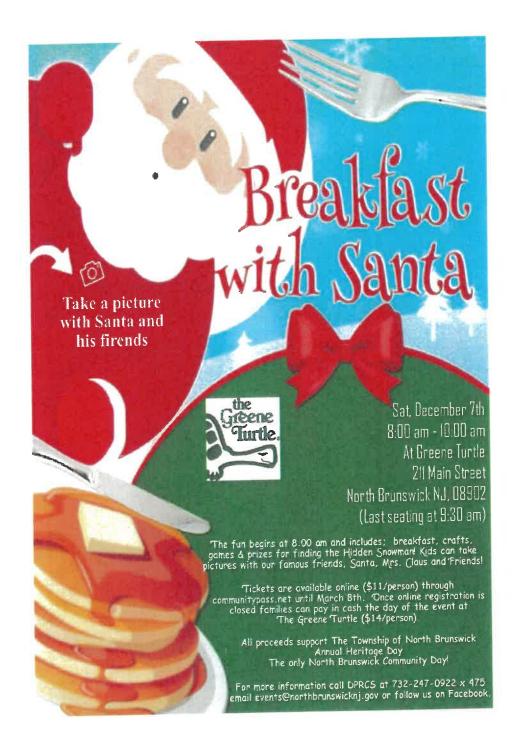
Registration will be open on the North Brunswick Township
Website page on November 1st 2024.

For more information visit our website: northbrunswicknj.gov

Or call us at (732) 247 - 0922 ext. 475

North Brunswick Township Join us for The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Monday, December 2nd, 2024 6:00pm 710 Herman Road North Brunswick New Jersey, 08902 For more information visit our website: northbruns wicknj.gov or call us at (732) 247 - 0922 ext. 475

Donations for the food bank can be brought to the event (no glass and check expiration dates)



Letters to Santa

North Brunswick children are encouraged to write a letter to Santa. Drop off your letters and a prestamped envelope in our North Pole Mailbox! (2051 US 130– Parks Maintenance Facility)
Santa told us he will respond to all messages before Christmas!
So check your mail!



Santa Claus North Pole

Drop off your Letters between November 28th and December 16th!

North Brunswick Township

Join The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony.

The Ceremony will be held at The Municipal Building on December 26, 6:00pm.

All are welcome!



For more information visit our website: northbrunswicknj.gov or call us at (732) 247 - 0922 ext. 475

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We are collecting NEW mittens, gloves and socks