REGULAR MEETING December 2, 2024

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the North Brunswick Township Municipal Complex in the Court 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, Davis and Ms. Hutchinson

Absent: Mr. Socio

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on November 26, 2024 to the following:

a) The Home News Tribune

b) Star Ledger

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, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Department of Public Works Steven Bloyed, CFO Cavel Gallimore, Chief Battaglia, Captain Hoiberg, Captain Harris, Police Training Bureau Margaret Long, Clerk 2 Tangie Cobb, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Presentation from the State Chiefs Association for NJSACOP LEAP Certificate presented to Chief Battaglia for the North Brunswick Township Accreditation. Chief Battaglia gives thanks for all the support to throughout this process.

Proclamations

Scholar Athlete Artist of the Month proclamation read by Councilman Davis...

Whereas, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services presents a Scholar, Athlete, Artist of the month to North Brunswick students encouraging excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts; and

Whereas, Leah Boykins has been selected as the Scholar, Athlete, Artist of the month for December 2024; and (proclamation attached)

Leah gives thanks for this award, she has worked very hard for all she has achieved.

Recognition of North Brunswick Township High School Lady Raiders Wrestler – Gabrielle Roberts proclamation read by Councilman Chedid...

Whereas, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services recognizes outstanding students that make a positive difference influencing the life of others; and

Whereas, Gabrielle Roberts, a Senior at North Brunswick Township High School has demonstrated strong academic achievements obtaining the honor roll each marking period and has many talents, especially in her ladies wrestling career at NBTHS; and (proclamation attached) Gabrielle gives thanks to the Mayor, Council, her family and friends for all their support.

Director Benson speaks about the next proclamations and gives thanks to Tangie Cobb and Darren Snediker for all their involvement in the selecting process. Director Benson invites them up to be part of presenting the next proclamations.

2024 Annual Young Adult Peer Advocate Award to Andrew Selover proclamation read by Councilwoman Guadagnino...

Whereas, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee annually presents recognition to a graduating senior high school student who distinguishes himself/ herself in strong character, leadership skills and positive attitude which influences the youth of North Brunswick; and

Whereas, Andrew Selover, a Senior who attends North Brunswick High School has been selected as the 2024 Annual Young Adult Peer Advocate Award recipient by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the North Brunswick Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and (proclamation attached)

Andrew gives thanks to the Mayor, Governing Body, his parents and his family.

2024 Annual Young Adult Peer Advocate Award to Joshua Wen proclamation read by Councilwoman Hutchinson...

Whereas, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee annually presents recognition to a graduating senior high school student who distinguishes himself/ herself in strong character, leadership skills and positive attitude which influences the youth of North Brunswick; and

Whereas, Joshua Wen is a Senior at North Brunswick Township High School who excels in academics, particularly in subjects related to mathematics and sciences, Joshua has excelled in all seven of his advanced placement courses and nine honor classes. He earned the AP Scholar Award, which is awarded to students who score an average of 3.25 or higher on at least three AP exams; and (proclamation attached)

Joshua gives thanks to the Mayor Council and his parents.

2024 Annual Youth Advocate Award to Steven Wen proclamation read by Mayor Womack...

Whereas, The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee annually presents recognition to a volunteer who distinguishes himself/herself by engaging in public or private efforts which promote activities and support the best interest of the youth of the North Brunswick Community; and

Whereas, Steven Wen has been named the 2024 Youth Advocate of the Year. Steve has provided countless hours of volunteer efforts both in Recreation Soccer and Basketball. Steve is the volunteer Site Manager of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Buddy Ball Basketball Program, providing athletic opportunities to individuals with disabilities; and (proclamation attached) Steven gives thanks to the Mayor, Council, Advisory Committee. He states it is a team effort. It is a privilege to work with everyone and is thankful for his family.

Director Benson and Council President Hutchinson present the 2024 Mayor's Wellness Awards to Joanne DeLuca, Ro Tucker, Dominic Moccio, Chris Henning, Alexis Krzewick, Steve Bloyed, Laura Pelszynski and Maureen Fisher.

Mayor states there will be a short break from the meeting at 7:33pm

Mayor calls the meeting back from break at 7:45pm

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 10a. through 10j.* on the consent agenda. Motion made 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

Consent Agenda

a.		50/50 Raffle Application – RA2411 – Northern NJ Region Federation
		Of Jewish Men's Club – Draw Date – 12.15.24
b.	356-12.24	Authorizing North Brunswick Township through the North Brunswick
		Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law
		Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to enable the North
		Brunswick Police Department to request and acquire excess Department
		of Defense Equipment
c.	357-12.24	Authorizing an Agreement with Commercial Interior Direct for the tiling
		Of the Locker Room Facilities in the Police Department
d.	358-12.24	Authorizing the Agreement with Pellegrino Chevrolet for the purchase of
		One 2024 GMC 3500HD Silverado
e.	359-12.24	Authorizing an Agreement with Pellegrino Chevrolet for the purchase of
		One 2024 GMC 300HD Sierra Mason Dump
f.	360-12.24	Authorizing the Re-advertisement of Requests for Proposals for
		Professional and Consulting Services for Calendar Year 2025
g.	361-12.24	Authorizing an adjustment to Township Customer(s) for their water-
		Sewer utility account
h.	362-12.24	Approving applicants for Taxi Owner's License
i.	362-12.24	Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles
j.	364-12.24	Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 11a*. on the agenda <u>Workshop Meeting/</u>
<u>November 12, 2024</u> so moved by Councilman Davis second by Council President Hutchinson.

Roll call:

Yays:

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

Nays:

None None

Abstain: Absent:

Mr. Socio

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 11b*. on the agenda <u>Regular Council Meeting/</u>
<u>November 18, 2024</u> so moved by Councilman Mehta second by Council President Hutchinson.

Roll call:

Yays:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Mr. Socio

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Council President Hutchinson announces Motivational Workshop at the Senior Center (flyer attached)

Councilman Davis announces the annual Menorah Lighting on December 26th (flyer attached)

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township resident) asks if Code Enforcement acts the same as the Police Department? Mayor Womack responds

Mr. Nastus asks about concerns he has in regards to numerous addresses in North Brunswick Township. Mayor responds

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

Roll call:

Yays:

Ms. Guadagnino Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis Ms. Hutchinson

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Mr. Socio

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

Roll call:

Yays:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Mr. Socio

Adjourn 7:58 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

Proclamation By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHERAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services presents a Scholar, Athlete, Artist of the month to North Brunswick students encouraging excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts; and

WHEREAS, LEAH BOYKINS has been selected as the Scholar, Athlete, Artist for the month of December 2024; and

WHERAS, Leah is a Senior at North Brunswick Township High School. She is an exceptional student and excels in rigorous courses such as Honors Biotechnology, Investigative Science, AP Language and Composition and Honors Spanish IV; and

WHEREAS, Leah is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as the President and Vice President. She is a member of the Black Cultural Alliance, the NBTHS Business Academy. In addition to the Student Government Organization, Key Club, a Class Officer and is on the Varsity Winter Cheerleading Team; and

WHEREAS, Leah in addition to her academic strengths, she possesses personal qualities that set her apart from others. Her kindness, strong leadership and dedication are all evident through her involvement in student government and community services; and

WHEREAS, Leah shows strength in her ability to collaborate well with both peers and adults, which reflects greatly in her day to day actions as a strong role model to her peers.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, the respect admiration of the community of North Brunswick to LEAH BOYKINS and name her Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Scholar, Athlete, Artist Award recipient, and wish her continued success in the future.

Francis M. Womack III

Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

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December 2, 2024

Mary Hutchinson
Council President

Lou Ann Benson

Director -Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services recognizes outstanding students that make a positive difference influencing the life of others; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle Roberts, a Senior at North Brunswick Township High School has demonstrated strong academic achievements obtaining the honor roll each marking period and has many talents, especially in her ladies wrestling career at NBTHS; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle in 2023 secured the Top 4 Finish in the New Jersey Regions. Gabrielle's wrestling accomplishments soared in 2024 : New Jersey Region Champion, Greater Middlesex County Girls Champion, Top 12 Finish at Queen Beast of the East, Top 12 Finish at New Jersey High School State Championships, and recognized as one of the top 100 USA Girls Wrestler. Gabrielle enters her 2025 senior season with 45 career wins; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle is a kind, caring and ambitious student always willing to help her peers on and off the wrestling mat. Gabrielle was instrumental in inspiring younger DPRCS wrestling athletes, by taking time out of her busy schedule to attend the DPRCS end of the season wrestling gathering and shared her journey with others.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and the Council of the Township of North Brunswick DO, HEREBY PROCLAIM, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Gabrielle Roberts and name her the 2024 North Brunswick Township Wrestler of the Year.

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Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

December 2, 2024

Mary Hutchinson

Council President

Lou Ann Benson

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Parks, Recreation & Community

Services

Proclamation By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee annually presents recognition to a graduating senior high school student who distingushes himself / herself in strong character, leadership skills and a positive attitude which influences the youth of North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Selover, a Senior who attends North Brunswick Township High School has been selected as the 2024 Annual Young Adult Peer Advocate Award recipient by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the North Brunswick Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is an exceptional student, leader and person who has made many contributions to his school and community; and

WHEREAS, Andrew has taken ten honors courses, in addition to seven AP courses, and has a GPA of 4.1. Andrew's academic success has earned him a well deserved spot in the Top 10 % of his graduating Class of 2025; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is a member of the National Honor Society and the National German Honor Society. Andrew recently received the NBTHS Academic Award for Outstanding Achievement in German; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is involved with Student Government for four years and is a member of the Executive Board. Andrew was a member of the Municipal Alliance Leadership / Mentorship Conference Series where he was engaged in programs that focused on drug prevention; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is entering his fourth year as a varsity player on the NBTHS Ice Hockey Team and will serve as the Captain this year. Additionally, Andrew is entering his second year on the Varsity Baseball Team and has been selected as the Captain this season; and

WHEREAS, Andrew volunteers as a youth hockey instructor teaching children to skate and introducing them to new hockey skills; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is a natural leader and possesses qualities of organization and time management, which leads to his success in contributing to school clubs, teams and community volunteering; and

WHEREAS, Andrew gives 110% to all areas of his life he is involved in and strongly demonstrates leadership skills and serves as a strong role model to his peers.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Andrew Selover and name him the 2024 Young Adult Peer Advocate Award recipient and wish him much success in the future.

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December 2, 2024

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WHEREAS, Joshua Wen is a Senior at North Brunswick Township High School who excels in academics, particularly in subjects related to mathematics and sciences. Joshua has excelled in all seven of his advanced placement courses and nine honors classes. He earned the AP Scholar Award, which is awarded to students who score an average of 3.25 or higher on at least three AP exams; and

WHEREAS, Joshua is actively engaged in clubs and activities such as Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, South Asian Cultural Association and Key Club. Joshua has also had the opportunity to intern at the Rutgers Biomedical Engineering Lab for a week in the summer of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Joshua has demonstrated his maturity by understanding the importance of giving back to the community. Joshua has provided countless hours of service to the Buddy Ball Soccer and Basketball Program. Joshua works with younger students with disabilities and guides them in enjoying being a part of a team. His tireless devotion and selfless acts in helping others is evident in and outside of the school community making a positive difference in the lives of many others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Joshua Wen and name him the 2024 Young Adult Peer Advocate Award receipent and wish him much success in the future.

Francis M. Womack III

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Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

December 2, 2024

Council President

Lou Ann Benson

Director – Parks, Recreation and Community Services



Proclamation

By Mayor and Council-Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee annually presents recognition to a volunteer who distinguishes himself / herself by engaging in public or private efforts which promote activities and support the best interest of the youth of the North Brunswick Community; and

WHEREAS, Steven Wen has been named the 2024 Youth Advocate of the Year. Steve has provided countless hours of volunteer efforts both in Recreation Soccer and Basketball. Steve is the volunteer Site Manager of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Buddy Ball Basketball Program, providing athletic opportunities to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Steve through his volunteer service, going above and beyond for all the participants demonstrating a true understanding of kindness, compassion and empathy to all the players, volunteers and families of the North Brunswick Township Buddy Ball Programs; and

WHEREAS, Steve works at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers, as an Application Development Manager. He is also currently a member of the North Brunswick Board of Education. Steve was the Chairman on the Board of Directors for Love True, a non - profit organization fighting against sex trafficking in New Jersey. He also played an important role at the Homework Help Program at Parsons Elementary School which was initiated by Point Church. His effort in giving back to the community is greatly appreciated by many.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and the Council of the Township of North Brunswick DO, HEREBY PROCLAIM, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to Steven Wen and name him the 2024 Youth Advocate Award Winger.

Francis M. Womack III

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

December 2, 2024

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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

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

We are collecting NEW mittens, gloves and socks