

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

**REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2025**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:02 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. Hutchinson Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino

Absent: None

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 28, 2025 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.

Chief Battaglia lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Department of Public Works Steven Bloyed, Supervising Account Clerk Marrassa Hayman, Chief Battaglia, Captain Hoieberg, Captain Harris, Lt. Lovas, Lt. Jacobsen, OEM Mark Cafferty, Tangie Cobb, Margaret Long, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Chief Battaglia speaks about the retiring officers, the officers being promoted and the new officers being sworn in.

Chief Battaglia speaks of Lieutenant. Gyumolcs many accomplishments and outstanding service over the years. Chief Battaglia present Lieutenant. Gyumolcs with his retirement badge. Lieutenant Gyumolcs speaks of the past 30 years and the memories he has. He gives thanks to the Mayor, Governing Body, Chief Battaglia and Business Administrator Progebin for everything.

Chief Battaglia speaks of Sergeant Incle and his years of services. Chief Battaglia presents Sergeant Incle with his retirement badge. Sergeant Incle gives thanks to all.

Chief Battaglia speaks of Officer Bryan and her accomplishments. Chief Battaglia presents Officer Bryan with her retirement badge. Officer Bryan gives thanks to all.

Administration of Oath

Mayor Womack administers the oath of office to Lieutenant Paul Pappas – bible held by his family. Lieutenant Pappas gives thanks to the Mayor, Governing Body, Chief Battaglia, his family and everyone for their support. He states he is truly blessed and is grateful.

Mayor Womack administers the Oath of Office to Sergeant Jason Vallese – bible held by his family. Sergeant Vallese gives thanks to his family and everyone for their support.

Mayor Womack administers the Oath of Office to Sergeant Sean Egan – bible held by his family. Sergeant Egan gives thanks to everyone for their support.

Mayor Womack administers the Oath of Office to Police Officer Thomas Kushnir – bible held by his family.

Police Officer Kushnir gives thanks to everyone for their guidance and support.

Mayor Womack administers Oath of Office to Police Officer Matthew Thibault – bible held by his family.

Police Officer Thibault gives thanks to his family everyone who has given him guidance. He looks forward to serving the community.

Mayor Womack advises there will be a short break at 7:27pm

Mayor Womack resumes the meeting at 7:41pm

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Socio asked for line *item f. and n.* to be pulled for discussion.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *items 6a. through 6e., and 6g through 6m., and 6o.* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Consent Agenda

- a. BA2412/ PTSO North Brunswick Township High School/ March 21, 2025/
Pocketbook Bingo/ Location: NBTHS
- b. RA2501/ Knights Of Columbus Council 11378/ June 15, 2025/ 50/50
Raffle/ Location: Our Lady of Peace
- c. 69-2.25 Confirming the appointment of Diane Walker as Deputy Tax Assessor
- d. 70-2.25 Authorizing an application for funding from the NJ Transit Section 5310
Program to purchase a new Bus for the Senior Center

- e. 71-2.25 Authorizing an Amendment to Contract PRO24065 with Takeform under The Department of Public Works
- f. 72-2.25 *** Pulled for discussion ***
- g. 73-2.25 Authorizing an application for funding from the New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program – Sabella Park Inclusive Playground
- h. 74-2.25 Appointing individuals and terms of Committee Members to the Recreation Advisory Committee
- i. 75-2.25 Appointing individuals and terms of Committee Members to the Open Space Committee
- j. 76-2.25 Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract with Ari L. Lockspeiser to serve as Municipal Prosecutor
- k. 77-2.25 Authorizing a PSA with James R. Shamy, Esq. to serve as Public Defender
- l. 78-2.25 Accepting and adopting the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund's 2025 Safety Incentive Program
- m. 79-2.25 Authorizing a one-year extension to the Agreement with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. for Grant Writing Services
- n. 80-2.25 *** Pull for discussion ***
- o. 81-2.25 Bill List

Mayor Womack asks Director Bloyed to explain **line item 6f. 72-2.25 Authorizing an application for funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program – Sabella Park Field House** Director Bloyed explains. Mayor Womack asks for a motion to approved **item 6f.** on the consent agenda. So moved by Councilman Socio, second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Mayor Womack asks for clarification regarding **line item 6n. 80-2.25 Confirming the appointment of as Deputy Municipal Clerk.** Business Administrator Progebin explains the new Deputy Municipal Clerk will be Monica Orlando. Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve **item 6n.** on the consent agenda. So moved by Council President Guadagnino, second by Councilman Davis.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 7a.* on the agenda **Workshop Meeting/ January 13, 2025** so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 7b.* on the agenda **Regular Meeting/ January 21, 2025** so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#25-01 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending the Code of the Township of North Brunswick Chapter 3, Article II, Section 9 entitled Administration of Government to update Meeting Schedule for Township Council Meetings.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

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

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-01 so moved by Council President Guadagnino second by Councilwoman Hutchinson that Ordinance #25-01 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the February 7, 2025 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. Hutchinson, Messrs. Chedid, Mehta, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Womack asks Township Attorney Gordon to explain *item 8b. Resolution 82-2.25 – Providing for an “Annual Notice of Meetings” pursuant to Open Public Meetings Law.* Township Attorney Gordon explains. Mayor Womack asks for a motion to approve *item 8b.* on the agenda. So moved by Councilman Mehta, second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

No Announcements

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

PBA President Fedor Salvador gives thanks to all for the honor at Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony. He presented the EMS a check for support from the PBA. He states it is an honor to be besides his brothers and sisters. Discussion between Mr. Salvador, Mr. Heyman and Mayor Womack continues

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Adjourn 7:54 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk