

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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 24, 2025**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:00 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:

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

Also present: Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Department of Public Works Steve Bloyed, Chief of Police Joe Battaglia and Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on March 4, 2025 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune
- b) The Star Ledger

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

Councilman Davis lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A video regarding "International Woman's Day" was composed and hosted by Lou Ann Benson

Lou Ann Benson called upon the Municipal Alliance Committee, Council President Guadagnino and Councilman Mehta to present winning banners from **School Prevention Leadership / Mentoring Conference 2025**. (North Brunswick Township High School / North Brunswick Middle School) Grant Funded Program.

A presentation by the **Vruksha Dhama Fooundation**. This committee is attempting to plant one million tress by 2030

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 7a. to 7ae.** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Fire Co. #3 / Logan M. Margulies
- b. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Fire Co. #3 / Logan D. Blaszk
- c. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Fire Co. #1 / Jeron D. Fields
- d. 100-3.25 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran
- e. 101-3.25 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Congregate Meal - \$10,000.00
- f. 102-3.25 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00
- g. 103-3.25 Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020 - June 2026
- h. 104-3.25 Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Grant from the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey
- i. 105-3.25 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID24011 with the Furniture X-Change - Change Order No. 1
- j. 106-3.25 Authorizing an amendment to the 2025 PSA with T&M Associates for services associated with the Construction of a new Pavilion along Hermann Road
- k. 107-3.25 Authorizing an agreement with Lexipol, LLC to assist the Police Department in maintaining Accreditation from the New Jersey State of Association of Chiefs of Police.
- l. 108-3.25 In Support of Proposed State of New Jersey Legislation (S3545/A4696) "Climate Superfund Act"
- m. 109-3.25 Authorizing acceptance and utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in the amount of \$118,714.00 for Program Year 2024
- n. 110-3.25 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Office of Aging and Disabled Services Congregate Meals - \$10,000.00
- o. 111-3.25 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): County of Middlesex, Office of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00p.
- 112-3.25 Item of revenue in budget: (Chapter 159) - Middlesex County DWI Check Point Grant - \$5,040.00
- q. 113-3.25 Authorizing an adjustment to Township Customers for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- r. 114-3.25 Confirming the appointment of Monica Orlando as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- s. 115-3.25 Authorizing a Change In Scope with CME Associates appointed as the 2025 Township Consulting Engineering Firm to include Professional Services for the Bank Stabilization at West Lawrence Street Pump Station
- t. 116-3.25 Authorizing an Agreement with MRC Inc. to provide and install a new Playground structure at Eisenhower Park under ESCNJ Contract
- u. 117-3.25 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for BID25008 - HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services
- v. 118-3.25 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for BID25006 - Municipal Complex Irrigation

- w.119-3.25 Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for BID25007- Purchase of a Tandem Axle Truck
- x.120-3.25 Authorizing an amendment to the Contract with Hogan Security Group for the supply and installation of doors and hardware in the Municipal Complex Basement - Change Order No.1
- y.121-3.25 Authorizing an amendment to the Contract with Allrisk, Inc. to provide Restoration Services of the Municipal Complex - Police Wing Change Order No. 2
- z.122-3.25 Authorizing Change Orders No. 4 & No. 7 with Environmental Climate Control ("ECC") for the Municipal Complex HVAC Project under BID24002
- aa.123-3.25 Authorizing an amendment to the 2025 PSA with T&M Associates for services related to replacement of the Irrigation System at the Municipal Complex
- ab.124-3.25 Amending the Contract BID23001 with Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2023 Road Improvement Program Closeout Change Order (\$1766.43)
- ac.125-3.25 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2025 Township Consulting Engineering Firm for Professional Services for the Water Transmission Main-Site Investigation and Concept Design
- ad.126-3.25 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Minutes from **Workshop Meeting of February 10, 2025.**
So moved by Council President Guadagnino second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Minutes from **Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025.**
So moved by Council President Guadagnino second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#25-02 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick to acquire by negotiated Agreement interests in Real Property in the form of easements along Cozzens Lane on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, for Cozzens Lane Sidewalk Improvement Project

Mayor Womack asked for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #25-02**. Motion made by Councilman Socio, second by Councilman Mehta. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Building Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following Legal Publication in the March 28, 2025 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. Hutchinson, Messrs. Mehta, Davis, Socio and Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Chedid

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announced Breakfast with the Easter Bunny being hosted by the North Brunswick Township and the Heritage Day Committee on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Green Turtle (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announced Earth Day Celebration being hosted by the North Brunswick Department of Recreation and Community Services on April 5, 2025 from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM at the Pulda Farm (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announced Holi Festival being hosted by the North Brunswick Youth Alliance on April 5, 2025 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 Pm at Veteran’s Park (flyer attached)

Councilman Davis spoke about the Traveling Veteran’s Memorial Wall. It will be located in Veteran’s Park on May 23, 2025 thru May 26, 2025. Donations are welcome at 15 Linwood Place.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Janine Kyle thanked the Council members for passing the resolution regarding the “Climate Superfund Act”

Milton ? thanked the Council members for supporting and passing the resolution regarding the “Climate Superfund Act”. He also spoke of the MS4 update – DEP Regional approaches. Four different watersheds all working together. Suggests North Brunswick assigning a representative.

Councilman Davis spoke of the fire in the North Brunswick Manor Apartments. He thanked the firefighters.

Tony Nastus asked for an update on Code Enforcement, 497 Georges Rd., 777 Adams Lane, 886 Livingston Ave, 984 Bergen Ave, 978 Beverly Street, 315-317 Beverly Ave., 596 Axel Ave., 955 & 958 Bergen Ave

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack asked for a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:08 PM. Councilman Davis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Mr, Chedid

Mayor Womack reconvened the meeting at 8:25 and asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. So moved by Councilman Socio, seconded by Councilwoman Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Mr, Chedid

Adjourn 8:26 pm

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk