

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

**REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2025**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 21, 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. Rich, Mehta, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino

Absent: Mr. Davis

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on March 31, 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.

Councilman Rich 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 LouAnn Benson, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Department of Public Works Steven Bloyed, Chief Battaglia Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Proclamations

Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation read by Councilwoman Guadagnino...

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the observance of "Denim Day" draw attention to the importance of addressing and preventing sexual violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment and sexual abuse; and

Whereas, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment all have a negative impact on our community. Statistics indicate that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually assaulted before the age of 18. Sexual harassment is part of a continuum of violence in which damaging effects are felt throughout our culture; and (proclamation attached)

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 5a. through 5t.** on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Mehta.

Roll call:

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

Consent Agenda

- a. 133-4.25 Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Audit
- b. 134-4.25 Authorizing Canceling Expired Grant Balances
- c. 135-4.25 Approving Budget Amendment Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159 PL 148) 2024-2025 Operation Helping Hands \$3,374.28
- d. 136-4.25 Authorizing the Acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- e. 137-4.25 Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant from Middlesex County Regarding its Helping Hand Grant Program
- f. 138-4.25 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement – Middlesex County Improvement Authority Collection and Disposal of Recycling Material
- g. 139-4.25 Authorizing Purchase of 2025 GMC Sierra Mason Dump-Pellegrino Chevrolet – New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance #CK04, Contract #24-43 – NTE \$73,800.00
- h. 140-4.25 Authorizing Amendment to Contract BID24004 – Municipal Maintenance Company – Maintenance and repair of Sewer Lift Stations – NTE \$50,00.00
- i. 141-4.25 Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 24 – Brockwell and Carrington Contractors, Inc. for a Decrease in the Door Hardware Allowance in the Amount of \$3,343.43
- j. 142-4.25 Authorizing Advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works BID25009 Irrigation Maintenance Services
- k. 143-4.25 Authorizing Advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works BID25010 Purchase of a Sewage Grinder
- l. 144-4.25 Authorizing Amendment to Contract BID24012 – Landscape Maintenance Services Under the Department of Public Works
- m. 145-4.25 Authorizing Ratifying an Amendment to Contract PRO25039 with Applied Landscape Change Order No. 1
- n. 146-4.25 Authorizing an Amendment to the 2025 Professional Services Agreement With USA Architects, Planners, and Interior Designers, LTD. For Services Related to the Restoration of the Municipal Complex
- o. 147-4.25 Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 – The Furniture X-Change in the Amount of \$3,045.00 for the purchase of Municipal Complex Furniture
- p. 148-4.25 Authorizing Adjustment to the Township Customer Water/Sewer Utility Account
- q. 149-4.25 Authorizing a Contract with Dynamic Testing Service for USDOT Compliance Services

- r. 150-4.25 Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFL-CIO Local 3834 Supervisory Employees – AFSCME 63 for the Term January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
- s. 151-4.25 Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement with RWDSU Local 108 Blue Collar Division for the Term January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027
- t. 152-4.25 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a.* on the agenda **Regular Council Meeting/ March 24, 2025** so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#25-03 – Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance 24-12 in order to reallocate the appropriations and Bonds authorized by such Ordinance

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #25-03** so moved by Councilwoman Hutchinson second by Councilman Socio second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication the April 25, 2025 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, Municipal Clerk's Office at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

#25-04 – Ordinance amending and fixing the Salary and Wages for various Officials and Employees of the Township of North Brunswick and providing for manner of payment thereof

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce **Ordinance #25-04** so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilwoman Hutchinson. Second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Municipal Complex in the Court Room at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following Legal Publication the April 25, 2025 of the Home News Tribune according to the Law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal

Complex, Municipal Clerk's Office at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#25-02 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick amending the Code 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 opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment.

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

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-02 so moved by Council President Guadagnino second by Councilwoman Hutchinson that Ordinance #25-02 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 25, 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. Rich, Mehta, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Davis

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announced Heritage Day

Councilman Socio announces Spring Swim Lessons (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces Rapids Swim Team (flyer attached)
Councilman Socio announces the 46th annual Memorial Day 5K Run/ Walk (flyer attached)
Councilman Socio announces The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (flyer attached)
Mayor Womack asks Director Benson to speak in regards to the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and asks her to present her second item on the workshop.
Councilman Socio announces Tennis Spring & Summer Classes (flyer attached)
Councilman Socio announces The Bob Herme's Father's Day (flyer attached)
Director Hritz announces a detour starting tomorrow.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township Resident) asks how code enforcement works. Director Hritz and Mayor Womack respond. Mr. Nastus asks about numerous addresses throughout the municipality (pictures attached) Director Hritz and Mayor Womack respond.

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. Rich, Mehta, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Mr. Davis

Mayor Womack asks to take a break at 7:33pm to move into the Council Room for the Workshop portion of the meeting.

Mayor Womack call the meeting back to order at 7:36pm

Mayor Womack asks Ms. Gallimore to present her item for consideration...
Ms. Gallimore presents her 1 item...

1. Authorizing Budget Transfers Fiscal Year 2025

Mayor Womack asks Mr. Bloyed to present his item for consideration...
Mr. Bloyed presents his 1 item...

1. Authorizing the Rejection and Advertisement for the Receipt of Bids Under DPW for BID25007 – Purchase of a Tandem Axle Truck – discussion between Council President Guadagnino, Mayor Womack and Director Bloyed in regards to this item.

Discussion regarding the field dedication for Sabella Park

Mayor Womack asks Mr. Hritz to present his items for consideration...
Mr. Hritz presents his 4 items...

1. Authorizing the Youth Sports Festival to Conduct Fireworks Display

2. Authorizing an Amendment to the 2025 Professional Services Agreement with USA Architects, Planners, and Interior Designers, LTD for Services Related to the Babbage Park Lighting Project
3. Authorizing an Adjustment to Township Customer(s) for their Water-Sewer Utility Account – Discussion between Councilman Socio, Director Hritz and Mayor Womack continues
4. 153-4.25 Authorizing Mayor and Council to enter into executive session

Mayor Womack asks Ms. Progebin to present her items for consideration...

Ms. Progebin presents her 2 items...

1. Authorizing an Amendment with Meridian Strategic Services Inc for Project Management and Consulting Services for Remediation and Restoration of the Municipal Complex Damaged During Hurricane Ide
2. Authorizing an Agreement with GovConnection, Inc for the Supply of Network Switches – NTE \$183,750.00

Mayor Womack asks Ms. Russo to present her items for consideration...

Ms. Russo presents her 2 items...

1. Approving a Large Event Application for the 2025 Youth Sports Festival – discussion continues between Mayor Womack, Business Administrator Progebin and Council President Guadagnino in regards to this item.
2. Approving an Application for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License 1215-44-017

Mayor Womack called for a motion to enter into closed session at 7:51pm. Motion made by Councilman Socio, seconded by Council President Gaudagnino.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called to a motion to adjourn from closed session at 8:36pm. Motion made by Council President Guadagnino, second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting so moved by Council President Guadagnino second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 8:36 pm

Nellie Sowell
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