# NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING April 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 7, 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, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Superintendent Dr. Brian Zychowski, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Deputy Municipal Clerk Monica Orlando

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by email on February 10, 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.

Proclamation Council President read "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

Presentation Director Benson presented Mayor Womack's Wellness Challenge Awards

**Resolution 129-4.25** – *Appointing to the Township Council to fill an unexpired term* Councilman Socio nominated Mr. Alvin Rich to fill the unexpired term, Council President seconded.

Roll call:

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

Nays: Abstain:

Absent: None

Administration of Oath: Mayor Womack administered the Oath to Mr. Rich, while his wife held the bible.

Councilman Rich addressed the Mayor, Council and those present to thank God, his wife Taiwan, brother Anthony and his sister in law Daphney. Mr. Rich proclaimed his appreciation for the nomination and declared his intent to support the residents of North Brunswick going forward.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 9a. to 9b* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Mehta.

- a. **Resolution 130-4.25** Authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 3 All-Risk, Inc. in the amount of \$66,500.51 for the Restoration Services of the Municipal Complex Police Wing
- b. **Resolution 131-4.25** Authorizing Bill Pay

#### Roll call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: Mr. Rich Absent: None

Township Attorney Ronald Gordon explained the context and need for a mediation settlement regarding the Township's Affordable obligations, and went on to explain how the township may use credits from the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of obligations to satisfy the a portion of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution 132-4.25, so moved by Councilman Davis second by Council President Guadagnino

**Resolution 132-4.25** Endorsing a Mediation Settlement concerning the Township's Fair Share Obligation for the Fourth Round of Affordable Housing Obligations (2025-2035)

#### Roll call:

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

Navs:

Abstain: Mr. Rich Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item 11a. on the agenda of <u>Regular Meeting/ March 3</u>, <u>2025</u> so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Guadagnino.

### Roll call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: Mr. Rich Absent: None

## Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Davis announced that the Vietnam Memorial Traveling wall will be arriving in North Brunswick at Veteran's Park on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be available to be viewed by the public until May 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Davis requested that members of the public volunteer to stand watch over the watch for the duration of its time in town.

Councilman Socio discussed the previous cancellation of the Earth Day and Holi Celebration dues to weather, and advises the public to look the Department of Parks Recreation and Community for

information about rescheduling. Councilman Socio announced the Annual Memorial Day 5k Run/Walk on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:49pm.

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township Resident) ask questions of the Mayor and Director Hritz regarding a number of properties he is concerned about: 497 Georges Rd, 777 Georges Rd, 886 Livingston Ave, 984 Bergen Ave, 13-17 Beverly Ave, 888 Hermann Road, 1091 Newton St.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing at 7:59pm, so moved by Council President Guadagnino, second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: None

The Mayor and Town Council relocated to the Council Room for an Agenda Workshop to discuss items for the next Town Council Meeting. No formal action was taken

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Guadagnino.

Adjourn 8:42 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk