# NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING May 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:01 pm at the Township of North Brunswick Municipal Complex Court Room located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Ms. Guadagnino called the meeting to order

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Hutchinson, Messrs. Rich, Mehta, Davis and Ms. Guadagnino

Absent: Mayor Womack, Mr. Socio

Also present: Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Department of Public Works Steven Bloyed, Chief of Police Joe Battaglia, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, 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.

Council President Guadagnino asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Guadagnino called for a motion to approve *item 6a. to 9j* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

- a) **Resolution 154-5.25:** Authorizing Budget Transfers Fiscal Year 2025
- b) **Resolution 155-5.25:** Authorizing the Rejection and Readvertisement for the Receipt of Bids Under the Department of Public Works for BID25007 Purchase of a Tandem Axle Truck
- c) **Resolution 156-5.25:** 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
- d) **Resolution 157-5.25:** Authorizing an Adjustment to Township Customer(s) For Their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- e) **Resolution 158-5.25:** Authorizing a Utility Account Credit Edward Place
- f) **Resolution 159-5.25:** Authorizing an Agreement with GovConnection, Inc. For the Supply of Network Switches NTE \$183,750.00
- g) **Resolution 160-5.25:** 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 Ida

- h) **Resolution 161-5.25:** Approving a Large Event Application for the 2025 Youth Sports Festival
- i) **Resolution 162-5.25:** Authorizing the Youth Sports Festival to Conduct Fireworks Displays
- j) **Resolution 163-5.25:** Approving an Application for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License 1215-44-017
- k) **Resolution 164-5.25:** Authorizing Bill Pay

## Roll call:

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

Nays: Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Socio

# Ordinances/Second Reading/Public Hearing

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

Council President Guadagnino opened the Public Hearing.

Council President called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

#### Roll call:

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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Socio

Council President called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-03 so moved by Councilman Mehta, second by Councilman Davis that Ordinance #25-03 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 9, 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, Davis, Davis and Ms. Guadagnino

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Mr. Socio

Mayor Womack arrived at 7:15 PM.

**Proclamation** Mayor Womack read "Department of Public Works" whom have consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence.

**Proclamation** Mayor Womack read "Municipal Clerk's Week – May 4 – May 10, 2025 to Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo. The Municipal Clerk's Office contributes significantly to the success and efficiency of local governments.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing:

Tony Nastus (North Brunswick Township Resident) asked questions of the Mayor and Director Hritz regarding a number of properties he is concerned about: 777 Adams Lane, 955-958 Bergen Ave., 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, so moved by Council President Guadagnino, second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Nays: Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Socio

#### 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.

Council President Guadagnino reminded residents of the Memorial Day 5K Run / Walk. The race begins at 8:00 AM.

Councilman Mehta announced that Assemblyman Joe Danielsen will present a free Law Night in conjunction with the New Jersey State Bar Association. May 28, 2025 Franklin Township Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Councilman Mehta also spoke of the Game Show "Read your mind" for \$4 per person, Bocce Ball is held every Thursday at the Senior Center, June 12 they will be playing the North Brunswick Police Department PBA.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.

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, 555 Livingston Ave, 984 Bergen Ave, and 1091 Newton St. He also mentioned graffiti on the bridge on Livingston Ave. Mr. Nastus asked if there are Code Enforcement Procedures in writing?

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing at 7:20 pm, so moved by Council President Guadagnino, second by Councilwoman Hutchinson.

Roll call:

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

Nays: Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Socio

## Councilman Socio arrives at 7:26 PM

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 Councilman Davis.

Adjourn 8:19 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk