

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Absent: none

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Director of Public Works, Glenn Sandor, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Senior Account Clerk, Marrassa Tacinelli, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Deputy Director, Greg Kikelhan, Confidential Secretary, Janice Larkin, Township Planner, Tom Vigna, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also present: Former Mayor Maticera, Former Councilman Bruce Chandlee, President of the Italian American Social Club, Vito Puleio and Director of the Library, Cheryl McBride.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 5, 2011 to the following:

- a) The Home News & Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Township Clerk's office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk's office on January 5, 2011.

Ms. Russo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamations:

"Celebrate North Brunswick Committee – Joseph Rosenberg"

Chairman John Albert, committee member Gail Di Pane and Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Township resident, Joseph Rosenberg who works as a lawyer but still finds time to volunteer. He is an active member of the congregation at Chabad House of South Brunswick and volunteers with the children in Hebrew School. Mr. Rosenberg helped a gentleman who was having chest pains, drove him to the hospital, stayed with him until he was admitted and continued to help him once he was released from the hospital. Mr. Rosenberg still visits Mr. Freeling and helps him with maintenance around his home.

"Dr. Trakhtman from Route 1 Dental" - Councilman Corbin presented a proclamation to Dr. Trakhtman and her staff who volunteered the whole day on February 4th to participate in "Give Kids a Smile Day" and provided free treatment for 32 children. More than 20 volunteers from staff members to friends, family and Rutgers dental students provided free services – oral hygiene instruction, dental education, screenings, cleanings, x-rays and fluoride treatments.

"North Brunswick Historical Committee – "Images of America – North Brunswick":

Robert Nutter, who is a member of the North Brunswick Historical Committee presented a power point presentation of excerpts of photos from "Images of America – North Brunswick". The late Mary Pinkham and Ruth Mihalenko provided a lot of work for this book. Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to the members of the North Brunswick Historical Committee" – Janice Larkin, Cheryl McBride, Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack. Councilwoman Cathy Nicola, Connie Adamo, Giovanna Branciforte, Bob Frisch, George Saloom, Richard Selover and Mark Zielinski. They spent countless hours compiling pictures and researching facts to assemble this tribute to the Township of North Brunswick and to aid in the preservation of its important history.

Councilman Corbin stated that it was a long time coming and this is a great book. Based on funds by the Mayor performing marriages – the cost of the book will be between \$22.00 - \$23.00. If buying books is approved they will be displayed at both senior housing, schools and the library. If you have a chance go and look at the book and appreciate what we have here.

"Scholar / Athlete / Artist for March, 2011":

"Tyla Archer" – Councilwoman Narra presented a proclamation to Tyla Archer, who is a freshman at the N.B.T.H.S. She has played soccer, was a cheerleader for the Adams AC Pop Warner Football Program, played recreation basketball and played travel recreation and Linwood Middle school basketball. Tyla was one of 50 girls selected in the Rutgers Science Program for Women. She is an active member of the national Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. a professional organization of teachers dedicated in helping our youths become active in volunteering work. Tyla would like to pursue a career as a Neuro / Psychiatrist.

Mayor Womack acknowledged the presence of former Mayor Maticera and former Councilman Bruce Chandlee.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: - 7:35 p.m.

Resume: 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Corbin asked to pull item “j” on the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Nicola to approve items “7a – 7i” and item “k” on the agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Councilman Corbin discussed item “j” on the Consent Agenda which is a grievance filed by the PBA over the 27th day pay period – based on discussion a tentative settlement had to be approved – it was a heated discussion about the proposed settlement. All the Council members had serious concerns, but the manner of payment was rectified. He was at that time adamant against the settlement, but based upon putting it off for three weeks he has changed his opinion. Settlements were made in the best interest of the taxpayers. The Mayor, Business Administrator did an excellent job in negotiating a settlement in the best interest of the residents of North Brunswick - certain things were not put in articulately – long and hard decisions – facts that were not readily available. Councilwoman Narra stated she appreciated the opportunity to delay the vote for more investigation.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item “j” on the Consent Agenda. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Consent Agenda:

- a. NJ Fireman’s Association Application / Fire Co. #2 / Samona Sawyer
- b. NJ Fireman’s Association Application / Fire Co. #3 / Matthew Hanley
- c. Authorizing the redemption of various third party liens _____ 106-3.11
- d. Awarding an adjustment for Township residents _____ 107-3.11
- e. Authorizing acceptance and utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Funds _____ 108-3.11
- f. Designating Fund Commissioners to the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund _____ 109-3.11
- g. Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works
for Manhole Rehabilitation Services _____ 110-3.11
- h. Authorizing Award of Contract BID11007 to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. for Sewer
Collection System Maintenance and Repair _____ 111-3.11
- i. Resolution in support of Federal Funding for the Community Development Block Grant
Program by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick _____ 112-3.11
- j. Authorizing a Settlement of grievance AR-2010-466 filed by the Policemen’s
Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 160 and AR-2010-467 filed by the Police
Superior Officer’s Association (SOA) _____ 113-3.11
- k. Payment of bills _____ 114-3.11

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / March 7, 2011. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none
Abstain: Ms. Narra**

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

#11-06 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 11-06. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the March 24, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none**

#11-07 – An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending and fixing the salary and wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick and providing for the manner of payment thereof

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 11-07. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the March 24, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none**

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#11-04 – Bond Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance No. 07-24 finally adopted October 1, 2007 by the Township of North Brunswick, New Jersey which made an appropriation and authorized Bonds or Notes of the Township for the replacement of water supply lines and directed the special assessment of the cost thereof

Mayor Womack continued the Public Hearing from the meeting of March 7, 2011. No comments from the public.

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis that the public hearing be closed.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 11-04. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 11-04 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the March 24, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Ms. Nicola – stated that March is “Women’s History Month” and that there will be a “Leadership Conference” at 9:00 am with students and directors at the Municipal Building. She thanked Principal Clark for all his help.

Ms. Narra – reminded residents that the third annual “Disabilities Awareness Day” sponsored by the Disabilities Council will be from 12 – 4 pm this Sunday, March 27th at the yellowbird facility at the former Johnson & Johnson / future transit village site. There will be information on physical, mental and emotional disabilities ; fun activities, food and music.

Mr. Socio – D.P.R.C.S. is looking for nominations for the “Veteran of the Year” award which will be presented at the Memorial Day Commemoration / 5k Run & Walk on May 30th at 10:30 am. at the North Brunswick Community Park. All nominations should be sent to Ms. Benson.

Mayor Womack – stated that the older daughter of Township Planner, Tom Vigna just participated in a National Level Soccer competition in Phoenix, Arizona and as usual was outstanding.

Mr. Corbin – stated that his oldest daughter, who lives in California just competed in a 26 mile marathon in Los Angeles and finished it in four hours.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 8:07 pm.

Mr. Hommer – addressed the Council with the operation and maintenance of the Pulda Farm now that the township has acquired the property. He has reached out to people in the township, Environmental Commission and Parks & Recreation. He wants to develop a method to gather ideas – what to do and how to accomplish and manage it. Councilman Andrews stated that there was a presentation with members of the Open Space Committee and Environmental Commission. Lou Ann Benson has attended training seminars and is trying to apply for a \$500,000.00 grant. This is still in the initial planning stage.

Mr. Hommer - attended this meeting, but the hour was getting late and he did not have the opportunity to discuss his ideas. He has broader ideas, for example a mission statement in the broad sense – what are we trying to do in a general statement. Preservation – goals – farming, ecology, habitat and water quality issues. Mr. Hommer would like to develop a committee in the management of the farm. He does not consider it a Parks & Recreation thing – not a soccer field and he feels that there is no expertise there or in the Open Space Committee. Budget determined – “line” item –

how much money can be spent? volunteer labor and various grants. First goal is to do no additional harm to the property. Bio-Blitz – volunteer people that would on a one day basis assess what we have- soils, trees, habitat and the water system. Historical appraisal of buildings.

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Mr. Hommer - Synergy between the three farms – North Brunswick, South Brunswick and East Brunswick – cooperative effort / share things. Citizens Against High Density has created a web-site with 500 people who have stated their ideas for the farm. Can the township create a web-site to find out what the citizens want there? (such as a Community Gardens and farm related activities).

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Adjourn – 8:16 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

