

**NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP |  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
April 4, 2011**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Socio called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio  
Absent: Mayor Womack

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Senior Account Clerk, Marrissa Tacinelli, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Court Administrator, Sheral Rossmann, O.E.M. Coordinator, Walter Endler, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also present: Principal Pete Clark from the N.B.T.H.S.

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

Mayor Womack arrive to the dais at 7:03 p.m.

**Proclamations:**

**"C.E.R.T. Team 2"**: Council President Socio along with Mr. Howie Butt from the State C.E.R.T. Team, who stated that C.E.R.T. teams are active in all 50 states. New Jersey has one of the largest in the state. It gives people training to protect themselves and their community – homeland security - professional responders cannot do it all. Council President Socio presented a proclamation to each member of C.E.R.T. Team 2; Ramon Soto, Dawn Endler, Pete Clark, Terry Clark, Sonja Frasier, Shanti Narra, Jyothi Narra and Ed Burrows. They have all recently completed the Community Emergency response Team (CERT) training. They are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Certificates of Recognition were presented to C.E.R.T. Team 1 members.

Councilwoman Narra thanked the North Brunswick First Aid & rescue Squad for all the training and extra hours they helped with the C.E.R.T. teams and C.E.R.T. leader, Debbie Druker.

Ms. Druker announced that the third class will start on April 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Training will consist of 20 hours.

**"Certificate of Recognition" – Stephanie DiMinno :**

Councilwoman Narra presented a Certificate of Recognition to Stephanie DiMinno, a student at Livingston Park Elementary School who took all her savings allowance to help the destruction in Japan. She started to get her classmates to donate money and started to fundraise with students from Linwood. Stephanie has a great heart and spirit and is well deserving of the citizenship award.

**"Scholar / Athlete / Artist for April, 2011"**:

**"Mildred Miranda"** – Councilman Corbin presented a proclamation to Mildred Miranda, a junior at N.B.T.H.S. with a 3.9 GPA. She is currently taking Honors, U.S. History, French, Choir and AP English Language and Composition and is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. Mildred participated in the 2011 Women's Leadership Conference and aspires to study International Relations and foreign languages in college.

**"Emily Scialabba"** – Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Emily Scialabba, a freshman at N.B.T.H.S. She is a Honor Roll student and has been taking Honors classes since the sixth grade. She participated in the George Street Playhouse Theatre Camp where she wrote a featured song and helped write the dialogue for an original play called "The Pocket Watch". Emily aspires to be a professional actress or a career in the arts.

**2011 North Brunswick Women in Government Municipal Alliance Leadership Conference –**

**"North Brunswick High School participants"**: Councilwoman Nicola presented proclamations to the students and staff who participated in the Women's Leadership Conference on March 20, 2011. March has been designated as Women's History month. The Women's Leadership Conference provided an Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug free experience. Councilwoman Nicola presented proclamations to Pam Romito, Caroline Connolly, Lisa Tacinelli, Pallavi Jain, Lanna Karupen, Gabriela Torres, Kristen Ruffe, Mildred Miranda, Leanna Cotton, Salma Elsayed and their Social Studies teacher Rosita Hamilton. Municipal Directos and professional women guests including Councilwoman and Liaison to the Municipal Alliance Committee, Cathy Nicola, Councilwoman Shanti Narra, Principal Pete Clark, Confidential Aide

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Police Captain. Lisa Racz, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo, Records Supervisor, Cyndi Baumgartner, Court Administrator, Sheral Rossmann and North Brunswick Senior Housing Property Manager, Jeanne Selby. They assisted in highlighting women's role in government.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: - 7:30 p.m.  
Resume: 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items "8a – 8j" on the agenda, second by Mr. Corbin.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Authorizing the redemption of various third party liens \_\_\_\_\_ 115-4.11
- b. Memorandum of Agreement New Jersey Youth Corps for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Department of Public Works \_\_\_\_\_ 116-4.11
- c. Awarding an adjustment to Township residents \_\_\_\_\_ 117-4.11
- d. Authorizing the acceptance of the Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ 118-4.11
- e. Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety \_\_\_\_\_ 119-4.11
- f. Authorizing the application and acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Criminal Justice Safe and Secure Communities Program State Fiscal Year 2011 Grant Number P-4904-11 Continuation Funding \_\_\_\_\_ 120-4.11
- g. Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID09017 with Buckler Associates, Inc. for the Berdine's Corner Area Handicap Ramp and Curbing Replacement Project Closeout Change Order (\$16,597.00) \_\_\_\_\_ 121-4.11
- h. Authorizing Award of Contract BID11003 to American Traffic Solutions for a Township Control Signal Monitoring System \_\_\_\_\_ 122-4.11
- i. Authorizing an agreement between the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County and New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the installation of a Traffic Control Signal with Emergency Pre-Emption Equipment at the intersection of US Route 1 and Adams Lane/Cozzens Lane (CR608,) in the Township of North Brunswick \_\_\_\_\_ 123-4.11
- j. Payment of bills \_\_\_\_\_ 124-4.11

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / March 21, 2011. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis.

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

Ordinances / First Reading / Introduction:

**#11-08 – An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a gift of lands known as Huron Road in Block 17, Lot 92, Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey for the preservation of Open Space and to satisfy outstanding tax liens**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 11-08. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Corbin, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the April 7, 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

**#11-09 – An Ordinance of the Township 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. 11-09. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the April 7, 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:**

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

Mr. Lombard explained that this ordinance would re-zone two parcels on Rte. 130.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Narra 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 # 11-06. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis. Ordinance No. 11-06 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 7, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio  
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 opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio 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 # 11-07. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 11-07 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the April 7, 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:**

Mr. Socio- informed that it is “National Passport Day” on April 9<sup>th</sup> and that the Municipal Clerk’s office will be open from 10:00 – 2:00 pm to process applications.

Mr. Andrews – important events coming up – School Board Elections and Budget Hearings. People have various opinions – attend budget hearings. There will be one on April 11<sup>th</sup> and others during the day. Residents should be informed of the budget when they go out to vote - educate our children - for the children of the future.

Ms. Nicola – Property Tax Reimbursement Program on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Senior Center. This is a yearly event and she thanked the Mayor, Councilman Davis, Mr. Lombard, Laurie Hammerstrom and Fran Cipot for putting this together. She also helps out at this event. Tax Freeze Process to be discussed at this event. Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Residents can pick up a PTR form at the tax assessor's office.

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Ms. Narra – The third “Disabilities Awareness Day” was held last weekend on March 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a terrific turn out. She thanked the Youth Council volunteers; especially the volunteer that took photos at the event. She was proud of young people in town such as Stephanie DiMinno. Ms. Narra with Principal Clark to find out what special events students were planning to help out the disaster in Japan. High School & Linwood – April 11 – 15 - students will be making “cranes” during their lunch hours after making a thousand cranes, one must make a wish and your wish will then be granted. April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 1:00 pm – car wash at the Municipal Building parking lot – all proceeds will go to help the people in Japan. Ms. Narra asked if any residents have any other ideas to e-mail her or communicate with Principal Clark. She stated that Ugadi -South Indian New Year just started and wished all South Indian residents a “Happy New Year”.

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

Mr. Endler – informed residents that on April 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a collection of prescriptions that are out-dated in the police department. These prescriptions will be disposed of in the proper manner.

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

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. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Adjourn – 7:55 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk  
Lisa Russo**



