

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2011

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, May 2, 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, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin and Socio
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sandor, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also present: Former Councilman Bruce Chandlee

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.

Former Councilman Bruce Chandlee led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

"Proclamations":

"Days of Remembrance" – Councilman Corbin read a proclamation proclaiming May 1st through May 8th as "Days of Remembrance" in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors. The people of North Brunswick should actively rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society. He spoke of what happened overseas with the death of Osama Bin Laden and how important freedom is.

"Project Wise Student – Parsons School / clean up of Babbage Park" – Councilwoman Narra presented proclamations to fifth grade students: Nikhil Chaturvedi, Srivarsha Kaloth, Abishek Kannappan, Dhruv Mendiratta, Manaswi Prabhu Sawka, Rania Rizvi, Jonathan Wong, Sanjit Boparai, Jordan Salisbury, Anam Aziz, Bernard Pereda and their teacher, Scott Passner. They organized a clean up of Babbage Park on April 26 and April 28 to collect paper, plastic and aluminum cans. Mr. Passner and the students strived to make North Brunswick a Litter Free Community.

"Girl Scout Troop 80256 – Earth Day Commercial" - Council President Socio presented proclamations to Girl Scout Troop # 80256 who were a part of the 2011 Earth Day Celebration at the North Brunswick Community Park on April 16th. Members of Troop #80256 are Divya Krishna, Katie Siegel, Shreya Pandya, Keertana Chirra, Rithika D'Souza, Emily Doherty and their troop leader Debbie Henry. The girls created lyrics for a song about recycling that was aired on Cable Channel 15 from April 11th – April 16th (see attachment). The girls then provided to the community environmental education on hazardous waste, composting, littering, graffiti, ocean pollution and reusing about sharing the importance of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

"Linwood Middle School undefeated basketball team" – Council President Socio and Councilman Andrews presented proclamations to 7th grade members, Pranay Bhandare, Jamir Harris, Tyler Hoagland, Basit Khan, Eric Reardon and Shamar Waterman, 8th grade members Austin Alfonso, Marcus Ashamole, Matthew Chandlee, Brandon Mattis, Kishan Pate, Eric Slade and Lorenzo Williams, Managers, Alexis Hohnhorst and Cozette Vitanza and Coach James Gottschalk. The team had an overall record of 17-0 and they demonstrated outstanding efforts during the entire season.

Scholar / Athlete / Artist for May 2011:

"Reecha Pandya" – Councilman Andrews presented a proclamation to Reecha Pandya who is a senior at the N.B.T.H.S. with a 3.8 GPA. She attended the Washington School of World Studies and attended Rutgers School of Engineering and Villanova University / University of Pennsylvania to study different fields of medicine. Reecha will attend the University of Sciences in Philadelphia for a seven year medical program.

"Jennifer Salvatore" – Councilman Corbin presented a proclamation to Jennifer Salvatore a freshman at N.B.T.H.S. She is a High Honor Roll Student who is taking Honors Biology, English, Geometry and Wind Ensemble. Jennifer participates in N.B.T.H.S. Varsity Cross Country and Varsity Track and has been a Girl Scout for ten years. She is currently working on her Silver Award for Homeless Awareness.

Councilman Andrews announced that the township received a check for \$60,000.00 for a grant project. The township is replacing systems in the Municipal Building to save energy costs in the future. Glenn Sandor, Director of Public Works worked on light sensors – LED lights. Two lights have already been changed out in front of the municipal building. Replacing the lights will save \$10,000.00 a year. The township has shared services with the Board of Education. These grants will off-set taxes.

Council President Socio announced that there will be a tree planting ceremony at the North Brunswick Community Park on May 23 at 11:20 am to honor Marie Utzinger who passed away last month. She was extremely active at the North Brunswick Senior Center. A Township bus will leave the Senior Center at 11:00 am to pick up residents at the Senior Housing Building. The seniors will be transported back to the Senior Housing Building and the Senior Center. He announced that there will be a fundraiser to be held the Road Runner Sports in preparation for the Memorial 5K Run / Walk on May 5th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If residents mention the 5K Race credit will be given towards the fundraiser.

**Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:40 pm
Resume: 7:52 pm**

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Narra to approve items “7a – 7h” on the agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Consent Agenda:

a.	Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159) Highway Traffic Safety Grant (4,000.00)	136-5.11
b.	Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the FY2010 Audit	137-5.11
c.	Canceling expired grant balances	138-5.11
d.	Certifying review of the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Audit	139-5.11
e.	Authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations	140-5.11
f.	Awarding an adjustment for township resident	141-5.11
g.	Authorizing solicitation for Life Insurance coverage as an EUS	142-5.11
h.	Payment of bills	143-5.11

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / April 11, 2011. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Narra.

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

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#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 opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

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

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 11-08. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 11-08 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 5, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#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 opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Motion made by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be closed.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 11-09. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 11-09 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 5, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#11-10 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

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

Motion made by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Corbin that the public hearing be closed.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 11-10. So moved by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Corbin. Ordinance No. 11-10 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the May 5, 2011 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Ms. Narra - stated that Mr. Sandor has advised and encouraged residents to place grass clipping in black garbage bags and then place them into the garbage cans. This will help compost.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:56 pm.

Mr. Besold – May 7th at the Municipal Building he will be holding a Bicycle Education Class; but he has had no reponse yet. Mr. Besold will be discussing traffic skills, safety education, driving in traffic and basic rules of the road. This class will be for residents 14 years old and over. This will be a class for people who know how to ride a bike.

Mayor Womack stated he will call Principal Clark to try to get high school students to attend. Mr. Besold said what he sees is people driving bikes illegally – going through stop signs. Riding a bicycle is an alternative way to travel a short distance with the price of gas these days. It is an eight to nine hour hands –on class that costs \$50.00. Mr. Besold has a problem with signs on commercial properties especially on Livingston Avenue and on the properties of Hermann Road and Georges Road. He stated that it is an eye-sore and looks like Times Square. Sign ordinances are well established but he does question the number of signs and feels it does not look classy.

Mr. Hritz commented that he is in the process drafting an ordinance on temporary signs– no signs / pendants / banners based on a Metuchen / Plainsboro ordinance.

Mr. Andrews – approve site plans - % of building have signs – inhibiting the right of way – violations issued.

Ms. Murphy – members of AARP want more than a tree planted in honor of Marie Utzinger. She would like to name the Senior Center after her. She will have a petition with 107 signatures.

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

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

Councilwoman Narra thanked the police officers, detectives, members of the fire departments, rescue squad and C.E.R.T. in helping locate an elderly resident on last Tuesday night – a reverse 911 went into effect.

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

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

Adjourn – 8:17 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

