

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Narra called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

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

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sander, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 3, 2012 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 3, 2012.

Ms. Russo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Narra asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Nicola to approve items "5a - 5q" on the agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Authorizing the redemption of various Third Party Liens _____ 255-9.12
- b. Authorizing the Reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Service Project _____ 256-9.12
- c. Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a \$5,000.00 Law Enforcement Response to Community Concerns Grant sponsored by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders _____ 257-9.12
- d. Authorizing approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2012 Highway Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program (Safe Corridors) _____ 258-9.12
- e. Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety _____ 259-9.12
- f. Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey and the North Brunswick Township Police Department _____ 260-9.12
- g. Authorizing the Re-Advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for Snow Removal Services _____ 261-9.12
- h. Amending Contract BID 11001 with Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2011 Road Improvement Project Closeout Change Order (\$241,713.95) _____ 262-9.12
- i. Authorizing an amendment to the Award of Contract BID 12001 with P & A Construction for the Reconstruction of Hollywood Street - \$549,262.53 _____ 263-9.12
- j. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates appointed as the 2012 Township Consulting Engineers to include survey, design and bid phase services for the Livingston Avenue (NJ26) Streetscape Improvement Project _____ 264-9.12
- k. Amending Contract BID 10005 with P & A Construction for the 2010 Road Improvement Program Closeout Change Order (\$20,769.40) _____ 265-9.12
- l. Authorizing a Wastewater Conveyance Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc. _____ 266-9.12
- m. Awarding and Adjustment for Township Residents _____ 267-9.12
- n. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the Professional Service Agreement with Kleinfelder appointed as one of the 2012 Environmental Engineering Firms to include services associated with NJDEP remediation requirements at Veterans Park and other properties _____ 268-9.12
- o. Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License No. 1215-33-019-003 (The Hearth of North Brunswick) for 2012-2013 in the Township of North Brunswick _____ 269-9.12
- p. Authorizing the Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License No. 1215-33-019-003 the Hearth of North Brunswick, Inc. _____ 270-9.12
- q. Payment of Bills _____ 271-9.12

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 6 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / August 6, 2012. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Resolution declaring the property known as Oak Leaf Village, Block 30, Lot 2.01, in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, Et Seq. 272-9.12

Mr. Gordon explained that it is recommended that under the local redevelopment housing law a separate vote is needed. Motion made by Mr. Andrews to approve Resolution # 272-9.12 declaring the property known as Oak Leaf Village, Block 30, Lot 2.01, in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, an area in need of redevelopment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12 A-1, Et. Seq., second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#12-17 – Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to establish and adopt a New Article XL, “Riparian Zones”, to create and establish Riparian Zones and Regulations therefore in the Township of North Brunswick

Council President Narra called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 12-17. So moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Andrews, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on October 1, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the September 7, 2012 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. Nicola, Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none

#12-18 – Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205 “Land Use” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to create New Article XXXIX to regulate “Steep Slopes”

Council President Narra called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 12-18. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Nicola, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on October 1, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the September 7, 2012 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. Nicola, Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none

Ordinance / Second Reading / Adoption:

#12-13 – Bond Ordinance providing for Capital Improvements for an by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$3,121,500 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,965,425 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

Council President Narra opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be closed.

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

Council President Narra called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 12-13. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 12-13 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 7, 2012 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#12-14 – Bond Ordinance providing for Improvements of the Water Distribution System in and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,000,000 therefor and authorizing an issuance of \$1,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost thereof

Council President Narra opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be closed.

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

Council President Narra called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 12-14. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 12-14 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 7, 2012 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#12-15 – Bond Ordinance providing for Improvements of the Sewer Distribution System in by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township for financing the cost thereof

Council President Narra opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Nicola that the public hearing be closed.

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

Council President Narra called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 12-15. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 12-15 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 7, 2012 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#12-16 – An Ordinance authorizing a permanent easement over a portion of the property known as 1651 Ohio Avenue, North Brunswick, New Jersey, also known as Block 18.02, Lot 26 on the official tax map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex, State of New Jersey

Council President Narra opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Nicola that the public hearing be closed.

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

Council President Narra called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 12-16. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews. Ordinance No. 12-16 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 7, 2012 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

~Report of the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of as to Award of Notes

Mr. Davis - reminded residents that the 911 Ceremony will be held across the street at 7:00 pm. The road will be closed at 6:30 pm and if there is inclement weather the ceremony will be held at Linwood Middle School. He warned residents especially seniors of a bogus e-mail that is going around claiming to be from Chase Bank stating that their credit card is on hold. This is not from Chase Bank. They already know your account number. Seniors get caught up in these scams. All information can be broken into because it looks very official.

Ms. Nicola - thanked the Police department and the Municipal Alliance for a great turn-out for National Night Out. It was a great night for smaller businesses and she thanked all the volunteers that worked that night.

Council President Narra opened the Public Hearing at 7:11pm.

Mr. Luczu - resident and tax payer for the past 60 years living at 12 Linwood Place. He complained of taxi cabs, utility trucks and other vehicles racing through the streets. Mr. Luczu is 92 years old and worn out from picking up garbage thrown out of windows. He said that fifteen years ago there was a petition to have a 4-way stop put up at Cleremont and Glenridge Avenue. This idea was knocked down. The main reason for this sign is that school children get to school ok. Three police officers were injured at Glenridge Avenue and Linwood Place. The speed bumps near Lee Avenue should be at the bottom not at the top. Kids are horsing around with their toy scooters in the middle of the street. No one is doing anything about it. There are long tractor trailers going down the street - no signs of tonnage posted. Something should be done before school starts. The previous survey was done by a person that does not live in town and stated that there are not enough cars in the survey. Mr. Luczu said that the person need to be there in the morning and evening.

Mr. Dhotekar - resident of Hemlock Lane whose home was burglarized on a Friday evening between 6:00 - 8:00 pm on August 10th. He had house guests at the time. Homes on Carlisle and Noah Road have also been burglarized. He questioned what is being done to be safe? Are cameras a part of a plan and are pictures and serial numbers of stolen property shared with other communities?

Mr. Socio leaves dais at 7:29pm and returns at 7:34pm.

Mr. Bell - resident of Cleremont Avenue who thanked Lou Ann Benson for her speedy response for a tree stump removal. He questioned if a stump is taken out who is responsible for sidewalk repairs? Mr. Bell has been a homeowner for six years and has had his tires slit, heard two drive-bys and has had people urinate on his grass. He said an inspector can to his home because he has a 1966 Mustang on his driveway, but the neighbor across the street from him is doing the same thing. Mr. Bell stated that the inspector said that there are some homes that are not easy to go up to. He is retired and now walks around the neighborhood taking pictures of things that he feels are in violation of some of the townships ordinances. Mr. Bell said that at least once a week someone goes through the stop sign at Cleremont Avenue and Maplewood Place. A tree branch is blocking vision of the stop sign. Photos are on file with the Municipal Clerk's office.

Mr. Goundrey - presented Council with photos of graffiti at Linwood Place and Hermann Road. Graffiti at the railroad tracks and at Georges and Milltown Road.

Mr. Corbin leaves dais at 7:49pm and returns at 7:54pm.

Mr. Goundry stated that there are a lot of temporary signs posted around town.

Mr. Nastus - complaint of a van that has been in an accident over a month ago and has been parked on the street (Beechwood Place & Glenridge Avenue). Who is responsible for a wreck on the road? Complaint of overgrown vegetation that is becoming a home for raccoons, squirrels, rabbits and cats on 8 Linwood Place which is owned by Mr. Combs. Township ordinance to clean the property and it is rented to a number of people. Mr. Combs also owns property on Old Georges Road where there are town vans parked there with PA registrations. Potential mosquito infestation at 7 Beechwood Place. Sink in backyard being used as a lawn ornament and is now overgrown with weeds. It should be cleaned up and removed. Long trailer owned by Jack's Furniture being parked by Puleio's on Livingston Avenue. Is there an ordinance or state law that states if a sign can be placed at a corner which would not allow Jack's Furniture to park there? (Site triangle issue) Road by Burger Road is now used by Jack's Furniture because trucks have worn it down. 1050 Cozzens Lane was made famous by being featured on American Hoarders. Mr. Nastus had complaints on the following properties, 757 Wood Avenue, 768 Myrtle Road, 779 Magnolia Road and 721 Spruce Road. Three council members actually saw these properties. Complaint was put in November - almost a year ago. Watch traffic on Linwood Place - people traveling at more than 25 mph. Update on 5 Linwood Place - evaluation of contamination. Graffiti has been around a long time. It should be reported to the police department and Community Development.

Mr. Boiar - resident of North Oaks Blvd. who had concerns over parking from Livingston Avenue to Route 1. Fire Company cannot get into the community with cars parking on both sides of the complex. He claims that the temple is overcrowded and should be inspected by the Fire Marshal. Yellow paint should be used, "No Parking" signs should be put up and no parking 18 inches from the curb.

Mr. Andrews leaves dais at 8:14pm and returns at 8:16pm.

Mr. Boair - The temple needs a place to park - negative impact. Cars should be parked in the Pathmark shopping center and then transported by van to the temple. People at the temple do not speak English and therefore cannot park their cars in the right place.

Mr. Bell - questioned the ordinance on commercial vehicles - complaints of vehicles on Livingston Avenue with no plates and one side on a building condemned and it looks like on the other side people are living there. Keeping of engine motors on driveways, temporary stickers on back of a car and a red flag should go up when you see boarded windows. Multiple families living in a single family homes - how many people can legally live there?

Mr. Luczu - has concerns about 8 Linwood Place - is it a single family home or a rooming house? How can the landlord get away with this? And can a lien be put on the house? Taxpayers are making a bundle on the house. There are four cars parked on the driveway, two parked on the street and two cars parked at the senior center. Fire Inspector should check it out and the landlord is smart.

Mr. Nastus - questioned the responsibility of the township when a tree stump is removed - does the township own the property from the sidewalk to the curb? There are a lot of old trees in Berdines Corner and sidewalks are popped up. Past complaints - working on the same problem over two years - no more excuses - why it is not done? Fines would reduce taxes.

Mr. Boier - cars parked in fire zone between buildings 7 & 8 on North Oaks Blvd.

**Report of the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of as to Award of Notes:
Mr. Lombard read the report to Award of Notes (see attachment).**

Council President Narra called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola.

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

Council President Narra called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Adjourn – 8:47 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

Adjourn – 7:55 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adjourn – 8:11 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

Adjourn – 8:27 p.m.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

