

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, October 21, 2013 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: Messrs. Corbin, Socio and Davis
Absent: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola and Mr. Andrews

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 Community Development, Michael Hritz, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sandor, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also present, Principal Pete Clark, North Brunswick Township High School

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2013 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 2, 2013.

Ms. Russo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Narra arrives to the dais at 7:12 pm and Councilman Andrews arrives to the dais at 7:15 pm.

Proclamations: "Hispanic Heritage Month":

Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to members of the N.B.T.H.S. "Latin American Club" and their Advisor, Mr. Ojeda. Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in our country's story of success and more than 30 million Americans claim Hispanic origin. All American celebrate the Hispanic American spirit that influences our art, music, food and faiths. The students and teachers at the N.B.T.H.S. celebrate Hispanic American Heritage Month and recognize it as a time to gain a full perspective of the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to our nation. The members of the club performed a dance and a song rich in Latin culture.

"American Legion Post #459" Michael Rizzi":

Michael Rizzi thanked all those who came out to last month's spaghetti dinner. He wanted to share the Silver Star Citation of Spc. Aaron Totten-Lancaster of Medford for his actions during Operation Enduring Freedom (see attachment).

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews to approve items "7a – 7m" on the agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Authorizing the redemption of various Third Party Liens _____ 285-10.13
- b. Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled veteran _____ 286-10.13
- c. Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety _____ 287-10.13
- d. Authorizing the acceptance of an award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Federal FY2013 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Reimbursement Program _____ 288-10.13
- e. Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159's):
 - i. Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant - \$12,205.65 _____ 289-10.13
 - ii. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Labor Day Crackdown \$4,400.00 _____ 290-10.13
 - iii. 2013 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership – Reimbursement- \$6,184.47 _____ 291-10.13
- f. Authorizing the acceptance of the sale of auctioned Municipal motor vehicles _____ 292-10.13
- g. Awarding an adjustment for township residents _____ 293-10.13

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- h. Authorizing the award of MRESC Co-op Contract under the Dept. of PRCS to Storr Tractor for the following:
 - i. One Groundsmaster 7210 Zee Model 30381N Mower _____ 294-10.13**
 - ii. One Groundsmaster 4000-D Mower _____ 295-10.13****
- i. Accepting the terms of a Proposed Restrictive Covenant prohibiting residential Development of certain properties located on Elizabeth Street known as Block 4.41 Lots 37, 38, 39 and 41 _____ 296-10.13**
- j. Authorizing the approval to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for State Aid Municipalities for Sidewalk Improvements to Redmond Street _____ 297-10.13**
- k. Authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for Professional Services for the Calendar Year 2014 _____ 298-10.13**
- l. Authorizing a contract with National Benefit Services, LLC for Flexible Spending Account Management _____ 299-10.13**
- m. Payment of Bills _____ 300-10.13**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 13 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / October 7, 2013. So moved by Mr. Corbin, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#13-24 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of Thalia Street located in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey and conveying such vacated lands to the adjacent property owners

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 13-24. So moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Narra, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the October 24, 2013 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, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Socio and Davis
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola**

#13-25 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of Arlington Avenue located in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey and conveying such vacated Lands to the adjacent property owners

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 13-25. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on November 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the October 24, 2013 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, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Socio and Davis
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola**

Ordinance / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#13-21 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Section 387-1, “Definitions; Word Usage”, Section 387-5, “Requirements for Kennels, Pet Shops, Shelters and Pounds”, and Section 387-8, “Prohibited Actions”, of Chapter 387, “Dog Licensing and Control” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, to ban the sale of dogs from Pet Shops in the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Mr. Gordon explained that these two ordinances would prohibit the sale of cats and dogs in pet shops in the Township of North Brunswick and prohibit puppy and kitten mills instead of licensed breeders.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Soloway – President of the North Brunswick Humane Association – they are in support of this legislature and these ordinances would put the township in good light.

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

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #13-21. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis. Ordinance No. 13-21 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the October 24, 2013 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#13-22 - An Ordinance Amending and supplementing Section 381-4, “Definitions”, and Introducing a New Section 381-15, “Prohibited Actions” and re-codifying as Section 381-16, “Violations”, and amending same to provide for penalties for violators of Section 381-15 to ban the sale of cats in Pet Shops in the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #13-22. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio. Ordinance No. 13-22 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the October 24, 2013 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

#13-23 – An Ordinance deleting and repealing Chapter 311, “Taxi Cabs”, in its entirety and creating and adopting a new Chapter 311, “Taxicabs” to conform to N.J.S.A. 48:16-1 et seq., as amended

Mr. Gordon explained that this ordinance recodifies issuance of taxi cab / owners licenses by January 1, 2014. All taxi licenses will be auctioned off by the Clerk’s Office – limit to 25 licenses. Minimum bid will start at \$5,000.00. This ordinance will provide procedures implementing the government body issuing new taxi owners with each additional 2,000 increase to the census population. This ordinance eliminates central place of business.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing.

Roberto & Miriam Gonzalez from Prestige Taxi asked if priority would be given to taxi cabs around licensed in town. Councilman Socio asked Mr. Gordon if this was a possibility or not. Council President Davis asked about the minimum of \$5,000.00 for each license. Councilwoman Narra inquired the date of the auction? Councilman Socio asked how many existing do we have now?

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

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 13-23. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis. Ordinance No. 13-23 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the October 24, 2013 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Mr. Socio – Youth Wrestling will be every Tuesday and Thursday from December until February. Halloween Hauntings will be on October 25th at the Municipal Building. This will be a fun family event. “Winterfest” will be on December 2, 2013 at 6:15 pm. This will be an outside event / Santa will be there. Friday Night Rec will start on Fridays in January for children K – 5th grade from 6:45 – 8:45 pm. The eight week program will cost \$80.00.

Ms. Narra – Abilities Council will have a program at 6:00 pm on October 22nd in the Court Room. “In Our Own Voices” – speakers will discuss living and struggling with disabilities.

Mr. Andres – “Care to Walk” – 15th Anniversary on October 27th. This year the walk will be dedicated in memory of Annette De Marco.

Ms. Narra – Charity Softball Game on October 22nd. High School students playing against the police department to help fund the Junior Police Academy.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm.

Ms. Miranda – lost her dog, Oreo during Heritage Day. Oreo was missing for three days. She wanted to thank the township employees and the Humane Association for looking and finding her dog.

Mr. McNamara – resident of Lovell Place who has concerns with the neighborhood getting dark. Lumination has been reduced which would save the township \$15,000.00 a year. There have been two break ins and very dark at the intersection. He is asking to go back to the level of light that the street had before. There is the risk of increased crime.

Mr. Soloway – thanked Lou Ann Benson and the Park Rangers for their support and thanked the Mayor and Council for adopted the two ordinances. He takes this ordinance to heart.

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, Socio and Davis
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola**

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

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

Adjourn – 7:43 pm

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

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

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

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

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

Adjourn – 7:53 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**

