A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:05 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. Andrews, Corbin and Socio
Absent: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Also present: Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Srinramanathan, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Public Information Officer, Craig Yetsko and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Weiner announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2014 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, 2014.

Michelle Greder led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Scholar / Athlete / Artist for August 2014: Brody Schrepfer & Joey Gaston:
Councilman Andrews presented a proclamation To Brody Schrepfer who has just completed the 3rd grade in Judd Elementary School. He is a straight A student, has played the piano since he was three and was a member of the 3rd grade chorus at Judd. Brody is a participant of the George Street Theatre’s Summer Academy, plays soccer for the North Brunswick’s 9U Travel Team, second year member of the Rapids Swim Team and recently completed the winter season with the Raritan Valley Riptide. He set a team record for the 500 meter freestyle.

Councilman Corbin presented a proclamation to Joey Gaston who will enter his senior year at the N.B.T.H.S. and has obtained the honor roll. He is a member of the N.B.T.H.S. Varsity Cross County, Varsity Track and Varsity Swimming where he broke the N.B.T.H.S. all time 200 free relay record. Joey is a Black Belt in Karate, member of the N.B.T.H.S. Rapids Swim Team. He has contributed to the team winning five championships and has been a member for 11 years. He has volunteered at Cops & Rodders, the Youth Sports Festival, National Night Out and the Juvenile Diabetes research Foundation 5K Walk-a-thon.

Councilwoman Narra arrives to the dais at 7:13 pm.

Proclamation:“India Independence Day”:
Councilwoman Narra presented a proclamation to Board of education member, Seema Moondra and members of the NBT India Day Committee. August 15th is recognized as India Independence Day which is a day to celebrate India’s independence from British rule. People of all faiths join together in India to celebrate a struggle for independence which was begun years ago by Mahatma Gandhi. India emerges as a unified nation – state on August 15, 1947. Seema Moonda stated that the theme for this year is “Celebrate Teachers”. Principal Pete Clark started this celebration. Last weekend there was 400 people including over a hundred children. There was music and dances. Parents are volunteers and committees are made up of youth leadership.

“Amanda Losiewicz” – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to Amanda Losiewicz who graduated from the N.B.T.H.S. in 2007 and then attended St. Francis University in Pennsylvania where she received her undergraduate degree from their honors college after completing a thesis on immigration law in Alabama and how it affects Catholic Social Teaching. Amanda is currently studying at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania working towards her Masters Degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She received the “John Mack Scholarship” from the Alpha Phi Omega National Co-Ed Service Fraternity for her incessant commitment to volunteering and her selfless dedication to helping others.

Break for Proclamation recipients: 7:26 pm
Resume Meeting: 7:36pm
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 – 7s” 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. NJ State Fireman's Association Application / Emily Ruppert / Company # 1
   208-8.14
b. Authorizing the redemption of a Township Lien (Block 13, Lot 14)
   209-8.14
c. Authorizing the cancellation of Balances and Credits
   210-8.14
d. Authorizing the redemption of various Third Party Liens
   211-8.14
e. Approving and providing Notice on the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget
   212-8.14
f. Approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Temporary Capital Budget
   213-8.14
g. Approving transfers between Fiscal-Year 2014 Appropriation Reserves
   214-8.14
h. Authorizing Grant Application for the North Brunswick Municipal Alliance Committee to apply for Competitive Funding Round 2014
   215-8.14
i. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the Professional Service Agreement with JM Sorge, Inc. appointed as one of the 2014 Environmental Engineering Firms to include additional services in connection with the preliminary assessment for Block 4, Lots 3 & 4 (2688–2730 Rte. 27)
   216-8.14
j. Authorizing a Road Closing on Tall Oaks Drive
   217-8.14
k. Authorizing the application and acceptance of State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice 2014 State Body Armor Replacement Funds
   218-8.14
l. Authorizing the application of a Federal Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety
   219-8.14
m. Authorizing the application of a State Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety
   220-8.14
n. Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a treatment works approval permit application for the project known as North Brunswick Market Place
   222-8.14
o. Authorizing the payment of bills
   225-8.14
p. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the Professional Service Agreement with T&M Associates appointed as one of the 2014 Township Environmental Engineers to include additional LSRP services as part of Veterans Park and a portion of the adjoining Board of Education Site Remediation
   224-8.14

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / July 7, 2014. So moved by Mr. Corbin, second by Mr. Socio.

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 approve item #9 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Executive Session / 2003. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mayor Womack.

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #10 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Executive Session / 2004. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mayor Womack.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Socio, Mayor Womack
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis
Abstain: Ms. Narra, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Corbin
Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:
#14-10 – Bond Ordinance providing for Capital Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of $7,750,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of $7,362,500 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 14-10. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the August 2, 2014 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 and Socio
Nays:     None
Absent:   Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Ordinance / Second Reading / Public Hearing / Adoption:
#14-08 - An Ordinance authorizing amendment to Chapter 14 of the Township Code pertaining to the Municipal Court

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Andrews, 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 #14-08. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio. Ordinance No. 14-08 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the August 7, 2014 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

#14-09 – 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. Andrews, 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 #14-09. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio. Ordinance No. 14-09 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the August 7, 2014 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:
Mr. Socio – August 5th is “National Night Out” sponsored by the Police Department and local businesses. Ms. Narra – “Blood Drive” will be held on August 18th from 1:00 – 7:00 pm from ages 17 – 76. There is a shortage of blood. $10.00 gift card to Houlihan’s as a thank you.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm. Ms. Agudosi – resident of Lake Drive her Quality of Life has changed with the opening of Costco. Paving of residential streets – potholes – construction in front of street due to a new home being built. She asked if there is a list of streets by years – see where we are? Potholes to be patched up (cold patch).

Ms. Raina – resident of Clark Street – parking issues by Mr. Subs on Livingston Avenue – street parking from Clark Street to Livingston Avenue. No vision coming from each side – residents having accidents. Delivery trucks on the street. Sidewalk / crosswalk this fall. No more parking at corners.
Public Hearing con’t….

Mr. Dunham – member of Fire Company #2 – informed the Mayor, Council and residents of the Fall festival that will be held on September 28, 2014 at Suydam Farms. It is a department fundraiser and he is inviting the council to be judges on that day. They are looking for big name sponsor and logistically looking for help from the Township. There will be a Super 50/50, hayrides and a chili cook off. The hours are from 12 – 5 pm.

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

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 adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Adjourn: 7:58 pm