

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:02P.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, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

Also present: Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Esq., Business Administrator Kathy Monzo, Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Councilman-Elect William Lopez, Superintendent Dr. Zychowski, Principal Michael Kneller, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo, Clerk Janet Maer and Clerk Loren Ventrice.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 3, 2017 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, 2017.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Rich Fabian.

Proclamation – presented by Councilman Bob Davis from the Mayor and Council of North Brunswick to encourage all citizens to remember and commemorate America's entry into the Great War 100 years ago. December 7th place a blue bow at your residence or fly a flag in remembrance, ceremony will be held at Veterans Park at 7pm.

Young Adult Peer Advocate Award – Councilman Ralph Andrews presented Akshaya Dinesh the award from DPRCS and North Brunswick Recreation Advisory Committee in recognition of distinguished examples of strong character, leadership abilities and as a positive role model to her peers. Ms. Dinesh has achieved High Honor Roll at North Brunswick HS. She plans on studying Computer Science in college.

Councilman Bob Corbin presented Dana Fields the award from DPRCS and North Brunswick Recreation Advisory Committee in recognition of distinguished examples of strong character, leadership abilities and as a positive role model to her peers. Ms. Fields has been on the Honor Roll for 4 years at NBTHS and Student of the Month for 2 years. She plans on studying Television and Film in college.

Youth Advocate Award – Councilman Sal Paladino presented Richard Altman (received by Kellie Altman) the award from DPRCS and North Brunswick Recreation Advisory Committee, in recognition of distinguished leadership efforts and volunteer activities serving the youth of North Brunswick for 2017.

Good Neighbor Award – presented by Mayor Womack to Sudharani Kankanala from the DPRCS for members of the community who make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. She is the current President of the Rotary Club of North Brunswick, and a member of the South Brunswick and Plainsboro Rotary Club. She assists the senior citizens of North Brunswick with snow removal and organizes clothing drives and food drives for the North Brunswick Food Bank.

NB Youth Sports Festival Presentation: Rich Fabian & committee members (Paul Walsh, Lisa Piacentino, Dave Rosenberg, Rodney Reinson) of the North Brunswick Youth Sports Festival presented a check to the Mayor and Council as a thank you to everyone at the Township who helped with the coordination and setup of the festival.

Break for Proclamation recipients: 7:34pm

Resume: 7:45pm

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 - 7k" on the agenda, second by Mr. Davis.

Consent Agenda

- a. NJ State Fireman's Application - Nicholas M. Neves - Fire Co. #1
- b. 289-12.17 Authorizing the reinstatement of of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Service Project
- c. 290-12.17 Authorizing a Contract with Provident Bank for Primary Banking Services
- d. 291-12.17 Authorizing Third Party Payroll Disbursements
- e. 292-12.17 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID17022 to Beyer Bros. Corp. for two Pick Up Trucks
- f. 293-12.17 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID17021 to Rich Tree Service for Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Services
- g. 294-12.17 Authorizing a Utility Agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Water Improvements along Route 27 and Route 1
- h. 295-12.17 Authorizing adjustments to Township residents for their Water-Sewer Utility Account
- i. 296-12.17 Authorizing an amendment to agreement with Harry Haushalter, Esq. to serve as Tax Appeal Counsel
- j. 297-12.17 Amending Contract BID17002 with Catel, Inc. for Construction of a new Vehicle Maintenance Garage at the Public Works Facility Change Order No. 3 - \$1,650.60
- k. 298-12.17 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / November 20, 2017. So moved by Mr. Corbin, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

Ordinance/First Reading/Public Hearing:

#17-15 - An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending Chapter 61: Personnel establishing Article II "Direct Deposit"

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 17-15. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the December 18, 2017 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: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

#17-16 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 287 of the Code of the Township Section 287-7, "Snow Emergencies"

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 17-16. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Corbin, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the December 18, 2017 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: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

#17-17 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 352 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick entitled Water Utility Section 352-20 entitled Payment of Bills; Water for building purposes to provide a seven (7) day grace period for senior citizens

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 17-17. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on December 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the December 18, 2017 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: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

Ordinances / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#17-14 - An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending Chapter 311, Section 25 "Maximum Taxi Fares Permitted"

Mayor Womack opened the public hearing on Ordinance #17-14. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis that the public hearing be closed.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 17-14 So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis, Ordinance No. 17-14 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the December 7, 2017 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Mr. Davis announced the Menorah lighting will be held at 6:30pm on December 13th.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 pm

Mr. Nastus (955 Bergen) – asked about getting a correction to his water bill; Ms. Monzo stated that he could come by her office on Tuesday and she would get him a corrected bill. Asked about the sight triangle on Bergen by King Tut, Mayor Womack responded that the Police department didn't feel it was a safety issue and study was forwarded to Community Development. Mr. Hritz responded that the business owner was issued a violation and they have until December 31st to correct. Mr. Nastus asked about the wording of the snow ordinance, he would like it to read that you will be ticketed and towed. Mayor Womack stated that logistically not everyone can be towed and the township would like to retain the right to exercise either or both options when necessary. Mr. Nastus asked how much the violation incurred would be; Mr. Gordon stated that this was at the Judge's discretion.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing; so moved by Mr. Andrews. Second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

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

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs., Corbin, Paladino, Davis, and Andrews
Nays: None
Absent: Ms. Guadagnino and Mr. Socio

Adjourn: 7:59 pm

Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo