

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2010

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:03 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, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin and Davis
Absent: Mr. Socio

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Asst. Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also present, Linwood Middle School Principal, Mr. Pete Clark.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 4, 2010 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 4, 2010.

Councilwoman Narra led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations:

"Linwood S.L.I.C.E. Club" – Councilwoman Narra presented a proclamation to students of the S.L.I.C.E. Club and their teacher, Mrs. Marj Spangler at Linwood Middle School. The clubs' vision is to empower students and reinforce core ethical values through student assessment of school and community needs. Their club's initials stand for Student leaders Improving Character Education. The 2009-2010 Executive Board members are eighth graders Shirley Escobar, Chandler Gorda, Haley Gorda, Vaishnavi Shetty and Sabrina Van Vleit and seventh graders Matt Chandlee and Joe Kady. The club has begun working on a Butterfly Garden to honor classmates lost to illness, facilitated the creation of an American Flag made of student handprints and presented it to the local VFW during a Flag Day Ceremony and many things including participating in a school-wide earth week celebration and beautification project planting six oak trees representing core ethical values.

"Salvatore A. Amato" – Council President Corbin presented a proclamation to Salvatore A. Amato, who was born on January 19, 1923. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for over 40 years and was part of the Air Force during World War II.

Salvatore has been playing Santa Claus for his family since 1983 and for the last five years has volunteered his time at North Brunswick Township Holiday Events such as Winterfest and Volunteer Fire Company's "Breakfast with Santa". He went through a quadruple by-pass in 1998 and suffered a stroke in 2006; but this has not stopped Salvatore from his Christmas ritual.

"Frank Georgianna" – Councilman Andrews presented a proclamation to Frank Georgianna who has more than 50 years of active service to the community volunteering with the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad. He is a Life Member of the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad and has served in several different positions over the years.

"Russ Calabro, Sr" – Councilwoman Nicola presented a proclamation to Russ Calabro, Sr. who has more than 50 years of active service to the community volunteering with the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad. He is a Life Member of the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad and has served in several different positions over the years.

"Scholar / Athlete / Artist":

"Bradford Pastrick" – Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Bradford Pastrick, who is a honor roll student at N.B.T.H.S. He was in 2009 Pre-Season All GMC, Pre-Season All Area, Fall Athlete of the year, All Division and All GMC Football 2009, 2nd team All Area Defense 2009, NJ Super 100 (Senior) 2009 and he received the 2009 Coaches Recognition of Outstanding Athlete (Football). Brad along with other members of the football team have for the past three years put flags on Veteran's graves at Van Liew Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Councilman Socio arrives to the dais at 7:26 p.m.

"Gabrielle DiLalla" – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to Gabrielle DiLalla who is a honor roll student at the N.B.T.H.S. with a 3.7 GPA. She is a member of DECA, the Italian Club, National Honor Society and she holds an executive board position in the SGO. Gabrielle was Captain of the Girls Soccer Team in Linwood and has played Varsity Soccer for three years at the N.B.T.H.S. She was voted Homecoming Queen in her freshman year and Columbus Day Queen for 2009. In December 2007, Gabrielle collected \$12,000 in gift cards and gathered clothing for a North Brunswick family who lost their home due to a fire.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:31 p.m.

Resume meeting: 7:41 p.m.

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

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

Consent Agenda:

a.	Authorizing the redemption of various Third Party Liens	48-1.10
b.	Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159's)	
1.	NJ Solid Waste Administration & MCIA Recycling Tonnage Grant	49-1.10
2.	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	50-1.10
3.	2009 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership – Reimbursement	51-1.10
c.	Authorizing a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of Parks Equipment	52-1.10
d.	Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services for the following:	
a.	one 10.5' Wide Area Rotary Mower	53-1.10
b.	one Mower with 72" Recycler Deck	54-1.10
e.	Awarding Contract PRO09014 to CME Associates for Remediation of Sabella Preschool Outside Play Area	55-1.10
f.	Authorizing a contract between the United States Army and the Township of North Brunswick for use of Fort Dix Range	56-1.10
g.	Authorizing Award of a Contract to Protective Products International for the purchase of Body Armor under the Department of Public Safety	57-1.10
h.	Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works for the Carolier Lane Sanitary Manhole Replacement Project	58-1.10
j.	Authorizing an amendment to the Professional Service Agreement with Remington Vernick and Vena Engineers to include services for Boiler Replacement at the North Brunswick Township Municipal Building	59-1.10
k.	Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment	60-1.10
l.	Payment of bills	61-1.10

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / December 21, 2009. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator:

Mr. Davis – special thanks to Jennifer Amato for her four page article in The Sentinel on Alzheimer's disease – outstanding job and wanted to thank her personally.

Mayor Womack – thanked the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad for inviting the Council and himself to their dinner.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 pm.

Ms. Warhaftig – spoke not as a member of the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad, but as a resident of the town. She presented a petition to the Mayor and Council with 328 township residents' signature asking to change the Adams Lane entry of Community Park to an entry and exit and to permanently keep all entry gates to the park in an open position. She went around with this petition one weekend in the spring of 2009 and asked residents only to sign the petition even though there were about another 150 people using the park. The park is marvelous and the parks department should be commended for it. The NBBSA and the soccer programs improved it a lot. Problems with entering from Adams Lane – easy one way street – only way to exit the park is Rte. 130 southbound; which people try to avoid – pulling into a no signal area – 50mph. – good only if you live at Deer Brook or Renaissance. People are going into the Renaissance Blvd. shopping center and making illegal u-turns at the first island and not at the second island where it is legal to turn around or going in to the Shop-Rite parking lot and turning around there. People are going to the first u-turn which is legal at Georges Road South – dangerous when a sport lets out and there are 25 cars trying to make the u-turn there (surprised that there hasn't been more accidents there) or taking the back road (which people are not familiar with) off of Old Georges Road South.

Public Hearing con't -

Ms. Warhaftig - There are people who want to follow the law and there are others who don't and there are those who drive the wrong way on the one way - not an enforceable offense at this time. 95% of the residents live in the other direction - leave it two way - park officers shutting the gates too early - Lou Ann has been trying to help out. The gate had to be opened manually when an injured child needed to be removed from the park and another time one of her own children had to be taken out of the park - couldn't get out had to go Rte, 130. Why shut the gates - not electronic or locked - any teenager can drive up to the gate - open it up and then close it behind them. Police can't get in there. People drive through it during the daytime - eyes and ears of the residents driving through - can be a lovers lane - police enforcement. Left turn onto Adams Lane westbound - right turn only directs traffic to the light at Rte. 130. Mr. Socio - enough though the speed limit is 35mph on Adams Lane - people are coming off the bridge at high speed - left turns would be very dangerous.

Ms. Warhaftig - she would rather turn onto 35 mph; instead of 50 mph.

Ms. Santoro - resident who lives on Adams Lane - does not know whose signatures they are; but if the gates were to be opened she would get a petition with more than 300 names on it. It takes her 15 minutes to get out of her driveway and welcomed anyone to come sit on her driveway to see how long it takes to get out - very active roadway, not just during rush hour - opening the gates would lead to more accidents.

Mayor Womack - petitions to be given with the minutes from tonight's meeting to the Traffic Safety Committee and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for discussion.

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

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

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

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

Adjourn - 7:54 P.M.

**Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk**