

**NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP**  
**MINUTES....**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 2, 2009**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2009 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: Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews  
Absent: Mrs. Lyles

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sandor, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Service, Lou Ann Benson, Police Director, Ken McCormick, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also in attendance: Neil A. Malvone, School Board Representative to the Council, Linwood Middle School Principal, Pete Clark.

Mayor Womack asked everyone if they would turn off their cell phones during the meeting and informed residents there are now devices for the hearing impaired available in the cable studio.

Mrs. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2009 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, 2009.

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

**Proclamations:**

**"Black History Month"** – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to students from Linwood Middle School. They read essays and presented two posters to be displayed at the Municipal Building. The students and teachers at Linwood Middle School celebrate Black History Month and recognize it as a time to gain a full perspective of the contributions black Americans have made to our nation.

**"Bi-Centennial of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday"** – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to Principal Clark from Linwood Middle School. Abraham Lincoln, the president of the United States was one of the nation's greatest leaders. He believed that all men are created equal and led the national effort to free all slaves in the United States. The Congress of the United States has created the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to study and recommend worthy national activities to honor Abraham Lincoln in 2009, the year of his bicentennial birth. The students and teachers at Linwood Middle School will recognize and commemorate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth and may derive inspiration and benefit from the study of the life, words and deeds of our nation's president.

**"Joanne Testa – Dispatcher of the Year"** – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to Joanne Testa, Public Safety Telecommunicator who has been selected as "North Brunswick Township's Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year" for 2008. She has the ability to listen and comprehend each caller's request for help and takes command of every call to obtain the vital information necessary to make the most effective decisions related to emergency response. Township Fire Chief Donald Salzmann, Jr. and members of the fire companies also presented Joanne with an award for her service to the fire companies.

**"Scholar / Athlete / Artist":**

**"Michaela L. Zayas"** – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to Michaela L. Zayas. She is a freshman and honor roll student at N.B.T.H.S. Michaela plays the flute in the N.B.T.H.S. marching Band and is a member of the N.B.T.H.S. Percussion Ensemble. She is an active member of the Reformed Church of Highland Park and volunteers at The Caring Cooks program for the Ronald McDonald House and Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. Michaela is a Foster Sister to her medically fragile siblings and is an inspiration to her 17 year old severely blind handicapped brother Michael.

**"Emily D'Alessandro"** – Councilwoman Nicola presented a proclamation to Emily D'Alessandro who is a honor roll student at N.B.T.H.S. She has been a member of the Environmental Club for the past three years. Emily has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and has earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. Emily has participated in plotting and maintaining

the Butterfly Garden in the Community Park. She is a 4-H member in Middlesex County and has raised a Seeing Eye Puppy who is now a full-fledged guide dog. Emily is a member of the N.B.T.H.S. Alchemists, has participated in Care to walk and is a Junior Camp Counselor at Eagle River Day Camp.

“Presentation by the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services & the Parks & Recreation & Advisory Committee”:

“Young Adult Peer Advocate Award” - Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to “Suzanne Castaline”, who is a senior at N.B.T.H.S. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was the award recipient of the Nordstrom Academic College Scholarship. Suzanne has been Class President for all four years at N.B.T.H.S., a student member of the Principal Search Committee, Committee Chair for the N.B.T.H.S. Rock-A-Thon and volunteers as a tutor at Judd School and for the Care to Walk. She has been a member of the N.B.T.H.S. Raiders swim team and the Raider Cross Country Team. Suzanne spent the summer of 2008 in Tennessee as a volunteer for Summer Habitat for Humanity - helping build homes.

Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to “Matthew Ruffe”, who is a senior at N.B.T.H.S. He is Vice President of the National Honor Society and a member of the Hispanic Honor Society. He has been a member of Honors orchestra for four years and has played for the N.B.T.H.S. Raider Soccer team and Raider Bowling Team. Matthew has been a Boy Scout since the grade and has reached the level of Eagle Scout and will become a Scout Leader. He was voted “Future Leader” by Greater Media in 2007 and is currently employed by the township as a lifeguard for the township recreation program.

“Youth Advocate Award” – Councilman Socio and the members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee presented a proclamation to “Michael Chamberlain”. Michael has been a coach and a coordinator of special events for the North Brunswick Soccer for over 10 years. He is a member of the Summer Tournament Committee for North Brunswick Baseball & Softball Association. Michael is an executive board member for the North Brunswick Youth Sports festival and an active parishioner at Our Lady of Peace Church. He offers to help with programs that his son is not even involved in.

Councilman Corbin and the members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory committee presented a proclamation to “Molly DeStefano”. Molly attended Drexel University for her masters in Science & Instruction as well as Special Education. She works as a substitute teacher and will be student teaching full time in March. Molly has been an active member of the Football executive Board, Linwood PTSO President, chairs a committee for the Youth Sports Festival and chairs a committee for the grade send off program. She has coached soccer for 6 years and was involved with coaching cheer as well as being a team mom. Molly tried to volunteer at Elijah’s Promise once a week with food for the needy.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:36 pm  
Resume Meeting: 7:46 pm

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews to remove items “q” on the agenda, second by Ms. Nicola. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve items “8a – 8p” & “8r – 8v”, second by Ms. Nicola.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approving Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations \_\_\_\_\_ 59-2.09
- b. Authorizing the redemption of various Third Party Liens \_\_\_\_\_ 60-2.09
- c. Approving applicants for Initial Taxi Owner’s License \_\_\_\_\_ 61-2.09
- d. Authorizing the application of a \$21,213.60 Federal Grant Award entitled Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T. Training) Program from the U.S. Department of Justice \_\_\_\_\_ 62-2.09
- f. Authorizing a 2009 Municipal Reimbursement Agreement with the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office \_\_\_\_\_ 63-2.09
- g. Authorizing a contract between the United States Army and the Township of North Brunswick for use of Fort Dix Range \_\_\_\_\_ 64-2.09
- h. Authorizing a contract between the County of Middlesex and the Township of North Brunswick for use of the Middlesex County Range \_\_\_\_\_ 65-2.09
- i. Authorizing the Award of Contract to Chas S. Winner Inc. d/a Winner Ford for the purchase of three (3) Public Safety Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ 66-2.09
- j. Awarding a contract under the Department of Public Works to DFFLM, LLC t/a Flemington Ford for two (2) Mason Dump Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ 67-2.09
- k. Amending the contract with Performance Mechanical Corporation under the Department of Public Works for the Solar Hot Water System Change Order #1 (800.00) \_\_\_\_\_ 68-2.09

Consent Agenda Con't:

- l. Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Spotswood for the provision of Vehicle Maintenance Services by the North Brunswick Department of Public Works \_\_\_\_\_ 69-2.09
- m. Amending the contract with E.O. Habegger Co, Inc. under the Department of Public Works for the Fuel Pump Project Emergency Change Order #1 (\$21,303.80) \_\_\_\_\_ 70-2.09
- n. Authorizing the Public Improvements Performance Bond and Cash Bond replacement for Grace Estates \_\_\_\_\_ 71-2.09
- o. Amending the contract with F&P Contracting, Inc. under the Department of Community Development for the Sucker Brook Restoration Project Closeout Change Order (\$1,296.07) \_\_\_\_\_ 72-2.09
- p. Amending the contract with Fai-Gon Electric Inc. under the Department of Community Development for the installation of a Pedestrian Crosswalk and Advisory Warning Signals to be located on Hermann Road Closeout Change Order (\$7,711.43) \_\_\_\_\_ 73-2.09
- q. Authorizing Award of Contract BID09001 to Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2009 Road Improvements Program \_\_\_\_\_ 74-2.09
- r. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2009 Township Consulting Engineers to include Construction Management Services for the 2009 Road Program Project \_\_\_\_\_ 75-2.09
- s. Authorizing an amendment to a PSA with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst and Soukas, LLP to provide Environmental Legal Services \_\_\_\_\_ 76-2.09
- t. Authorizing purchases from State Contract Vendors \_\_\_\_\_ 77-2.09
- u. Authorizing extension of an unpaid Leave of Absence to Jay Carroll \_\_\_\_\_ 78-2.09
- v. Payment of bills \_\_\_\_\_ 79-2.09

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 9 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Reorganization / January 1, 2009 & Regular Council Meeting / January 12, 2009. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Nicola..

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

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#09-01 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 243 “Property Maintenance,” Article II, General Provisions,” Section 243-31 “Minimum Maintenance Standards,” Sub-Section 243-31(A), “Outside Property Areas,” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to include a new Sub-Section 243-31(A)(17), “Landscaping,” to regulate and enforce the removal of brush, grass and weeds.”

Mr. Gordon explained that this ordinance would correct the section of the code on landscaping requirements – keeping of lawns and trees – overgrowth of brush.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-01. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the February 3, 2009 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, Messrs. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews  
Nays: none  
Absent: Mrs. Lyles

**Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator**

**Mr. Socio – congratulated Sean Meagher at the GMC Wrestling Tournament.**

**Ms. Nicola – Last Sunday attended the Adams AC awards and banquet – terrific time – well-organized.**

**Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 pm.**

**Mr. Malvone – beginning of year - budget time again – Dr. Zychowski thanked the Mayor and Council for working as a team – shared services – cut down on money – public informed – steps being taken. Mayor Womack initiated to start this.**

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

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

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

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

**Adjourn – 7:51 P.M.**

**Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk**











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

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

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

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

**Adjourn – 7:21 P.M.**

**Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk**

















































