

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2009

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:04 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, Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Davis, Socio and Andrews
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Asst. Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, 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, Police Director, Ken McCormick and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also in attendance: Neil A. Malvone, School Board Representative to the Council, Principal Pete Clark and John Kriskowski, CME Associates.

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.

Ms. 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:

"G.R.E.A.T. Program" – Council Vice President Lyles presented a proclamation to Mrs. Karen Bright who was the original and only health educator in Linwood Middle School for seven of the twenty one years. She coached girls soccer, gymnastics and first aid. Mrs. Bright has worked at the North Brunswick Township summer Camp over the past twenty years. She worked with the Municipal Alliance in 1966 and began the S.A.F.E. Teen Program.

Council Vice President Lyles presented a proclamation to Mrs. Margie Spangler who joined the Linwood Middle School in 1994 as a Health Educator and she has had a lot of community involvement with S.A.F.E. Teens Club, D3 for Charity, P.A.C.E. program at Rutgers University and the S.L.I.C.E. Club. Mrs. Spangler was honored in 2007 and 2008 by the United Way of Central New Jersey as "Hometown Hero".

Council Vice President Lyles presented a proclamation to Mrs. Diane Markert who has been a health educator for grades 6-12 in North Brunswick for 30 years. She has for the past five years worked for National Boards to develop the criteria and a test for Board Certification of Health Educators. Mrs. Markert has been hired as a consultant for the Center for Disease Control to evaluate and recommend health curricula for application in various national programs. Michael Parrilla gave a presentation on gangs and students from Linwood Middle School spoke of how gangs effect our community.

"Women's History Month" – Councilwoman Nicola presented a proclamation to students from Linwood Middle School. 2008 marked the Anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement. Each year since 1987, March has been designated as "Women's History Month" in our nation. The students and teachers at Linwood Middle School celebrate Women's History Month" and recognize the contributions women have made to our nation.

"Pastor David Luckey" – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to Pastor David Luckey, who has been a minister for over twelve years. Pastor Luckey is the founder and president of A-Z Education, LLC. since 2004. He founded "Without Walls Christian Ministries" in 2003. The church is involved in community outreach including working with homeless shelters, providing food and clothing to those in need and working with senior citizens. Pastor Luckey celebrated his Anniversary with "Without Walls Christian Ministry" on March , 2009.

"Frank Petrick" – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to the youngest daughter of Frank Petrick. Mr. Petrick was born on September , 1888 in Austria and came to America in 1911. He started a bus company with a partner and later sold his partnership in the bus company after becoming ill from the constant exhaust fumes. This bus company would later become The Greyhound Bus Line. His family later settled in North Brunswick and purchased a dairy farm. Mr. Petrick served as chairman before the term "Mayor" was used. He passed away at the age of 58 from pneumonia and a heart condition. His youngest daughter married former Police Chief Conway and have been married for the past 64 years.

“Scholar / Athlete / Artist”:

“Lori Head” – Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Lori Head, a senior at N.B.T.H.S. She is a honor student, a member of the Raider Marching Band and the Raider Orchestra. Lori has been a Girl Scout for 10 years and has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards. She as been a member of DECA for three years and is a member of the “Peer Mediation Program” at N.B.T.H.S.

“Kim Evangelista” – Councilman Socio presented a proclamation to Kim Evangelista, a senior at N.B.T.H.S. She is the President of the “Care to Walk Club” and writes the ‘Care to Walk Newsletter’. Kim is involved with “Heroes and Cool Kids”, a program that educated middle school student about bullies and peer pressure. She is a member of a Peer Mediation program, the Key Club, P.U.S.H. and the Spanish Club.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:34 pm

Resume Meeting: 7:44 pm

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items “7a- 7h” on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. NJ State Fireman’s Application: Christopher Koblos / Fire Co. #3**
- b. Authorizing the redemption of various third party liens _____ 103-3.09**
- c. Establishing DPR&CS Program Fees for 2009 _____ 104-3.09**
- d. Rejecting all proposals and authorizing the re-advertisement for the Receipt of Proposals
under the Dept. of Public Safety BID09005: Public Safety Uniforms _____ 105-3.09**
- e. Awarding a contract to Warnock Fleet for two (2) 2009 eight passenger SUV vehicles
under the Department of Public Safety _____ 106-3.09**
- f. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2009
Township Consulting Engineers to include Construction Administration
Services for the Farrington Boulevard Water Main Replacement Project _____ 107-3.09**
- g. Authorizing an amendment to the PSA with David P. Lonski, Esq. of the firm
Shamy, Shipers & Lonski, PC _____ 108-3.09**
- h. Payment of bills _____ 109-3.09**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / March 2, 2009. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Nicola.

Roll Call: Ayes : Ms. Nicola, Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Davis and Mr. Andrews
Abstain: Mr. Socio
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Public Hearing: Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release to Hub City Construction, LLC. Mayor Womack opened the public hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mrs. Lyles to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Ms. Nicola
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 110.3.09– “Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release to Hub City Construction, LLC.”. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mrs. Lyles.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Nicola, Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Andrews, Davis and Socio
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Ordinance / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#09-06 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 352, "Water," Section 352-1, "Water Department Established," 352-7, "Ownership and Maintenance of Water Service Lines, Water Pipes and Fixtures, 352-15, "Use of Fire Hydrant Water," and 352-24, "Specifications for Installation of Water Services" to establish formal standards for new water connections and fire connections

Mayor Womack opened the public hearing on Ordinance #09-06. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola that the public hearing be closed.

Mr. Lombard explained that this ordinance seeks to provide clarity on new construction or additions in town.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 09-06. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis, Ordinance No. 09-06 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the March 19, 2009 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Nicola, Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Davis, Socio and Andrews
Absent: Mr. Corbin**

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator

Mayor Womack – efforts of township employees going to Trenton – bill was still passed – close vote – something to take to Governor – urging him to veto the Bill S2557.

Ms. Nicola – tax time – property tax – reimbursement – income criteria – seminar in June – seniors and people with disabilities – income no more than \$70,000. March – Passport Day – Municipal Clerk's Office open from 10:00 – 3:00 pm. Women in Municipal Government – Barbara Buono – was a friend in Trenton today.

Mr. Davis – Seminar with Assemblyman Chivukula in June – 65 years and older – income less than \$70,000.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 P.M.

Mr. Barnhard – newspaper articles – 1999 – land use – New Jersey towns – age restricted to general restricted – beat again by developers – land be preserved as Open Space – condemn property.

Mrs. Lewinson – contract price for the Pulda Farm – litigation is over – asking price – our appraisal – 12 million – Jack Morris-

Asking twice the price – no one lending Mr. Morris money. Use eminent domain – people want open space – part as a working farm.

Mr. Marcuzzi – municipal aid – full contribution to pension – how much money has it cost us? – no money – no resources say to the state – time for the Mayor and Council to say "no go" – taxpayers fund programs without money for programs.

Mr. O'Neill – commend effort on state – unfunded programs – for each dollar get 15 cents back – school funding – further this discussion with the Board of Education. Who approved phone calls and web-site – township politics. Successfully lobby – next step – plans for Pulda Farm.

Mr. Maimone – Vote on bill – 21-14 – Senate, 42-28 – Assembly – Any amendments? Time frame? County has to get their appraisal if they are contributing to us. Reason why we cannot condemn property – Transit Village up-date.

Ms. Chyb – Jersey Avenue – waste management recycling (Planning Board – New Brunswick) – Pulda Farm options – Planning Board & Zoning Board – re-zone – change back to another category – or let other people take over.

Mr. Barnhard – process eminent domain claim– environmental impacts – immediate action condemnation- should have been the first thing done after leaving Trenton. Open Space made recommendations only – moratorium – 1993 environmental study.

Mrs. Lewinson – high school orchestra performed at a totally sold out Carnegie Hall – kids made them very proud – played over a half an hour – reception for kids at Rosie O'Grady – state – fight to Supreme Court – taking away rights of the people and towns – age-restricted – eminent domain – lose out – Mr. Pulda – ½ of what the farm is worth.

Mr. Maimone – this land re-zoned from farm to single family housing – when? If we do not study history – history will repeat itself – mistake re-zoning. Mr. Andrews stated if it was not for the lawsuit – it would have been built already – every developer is hurt – bottom line is money.

Mr. Lewinson – short letter to the editor – support of the high school orchestra.

Mr. Malvone – last public meeting – wonderful event – township will follow up with this event.

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

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

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

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

Adjourn – 9:09 P.M.

**Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk**

Adjourn – 7:24 P.M.

**Milvi Weiner
Deputy Clerk**

