

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 2009

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:03 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Andrews called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Nicola, Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Corbin, Davis and Socio
Absent: Mayor Womack

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 Chief, Joseph Battaglia, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Also in attendance: John Kriskowski, CME Associates.

Council President Andrews 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:

"Old Timer" Firemen –

"George Long" - Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to George Long, who has served as a volunteer with Fire Company # 1 for over 55 years. He served as Chief in 1970, 1971 and 1972. Mr. Long is currently the President and Chaplain of the fire company. He was back in the 1940's a member of the Maple Avenue Gang, the Fairfield Heights Gang and the Nassau Street Gang.

"William Tallman" – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to William Tallman who has served as a volunteer with Fire Company # 1 for over 60 years. He has been the secretary for Fire Company # 1 for many years.

"Charlie Zaabadick" – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to Charlie Zaabadick who has served as a volunteer with Fire Company # 1 for over 57 years. He served as Chief in 1967, 1968 and 1969. Mr. Zaabadick is presently the Trustee in charge of finance. He was part of a private fire company called the Midstate Oil Fire Group in the 1950's. Mr. Zaabadick is a life member of the New Jersey State Fire Police Association, the Middlesex County Fire Police Association and the North Brunswick Fire Police Association.

"Ernest "Buzzy" Boll" – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to Ernest "Buzzy" Boll, who has served as a volunteer with Fire Company # 1 for over 54 years. He is presently a Trustee. Mr. Boll has taken upon himself to watch over everyone at the fire company. He is a life member of the New Jersey State Fire Police Association, the Middlesex County Fire Police Association and the North Brunswick Fire Police Association.

"William "Chippy" Wright" – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to William "Chippy" Wright, who has served as a volunteer with Fire Company # 1 for over 60 years. He served as Chief in 1964 and 1965. Mr. Wright currently serves as the Treasurer of the fire company.

"James Gourley" - Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to James Gourley, who has served as a volunteer with Fire Company # 1 for over 64 years. He served as Chief in 1957 and 1958. James Gourley's father in 1925 was a founding member of Fire Company # 1. Fire calls originally went directly to his house and the firemen were dispatched from there. Mr. Gourley restored a 1937 fire truck and has been in charge of all the fire truck restoration projects.

"National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" – Councilman Bob Davis presented a proclamation to David Korey, dispatch supervisor and two out of his nine dispatchers. The safety of our police officers, firefighters and paramedics is often dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who call 911 Telecommunication Center. Public safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services.

“Scholar / Athlete / Artist”:

“Pamela Habib” – Councilwoman Nicola presented a proclamation to Pamela Habib who is a senior at N.B.T.H.S. She is an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society since 2008. Pamela has been a member of the Alchemist Theatre Company, the French Club and the Nation French Honor Society. She is a co-founder of Sisters on the Right Path which has volunteered at events including Heritage Fay, Senior Citizen’s Dance and Senior Award Night. Pamela has many hobbies and works at the Raritan Valley YMCA and is the head CCD teacher at St Sharbel Maronite Church.

“Kevin Porsolt” – Councilman Corbin presented a proclamation to Kevin Porsolt who is a senior at N.B.T.H.S. He is an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. Kevin is a peer leader in Senior Leadership, a home room representative in the Student Government, a member of the Care –to-Walk Club and DECA in which he was a regional champion. He has played on the N.B.T.H.S. Lacrosse team for the past four years and on Varsity the last three years.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:29 pm

Resume Meeting: 7:40 pm

Council President Andrews asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Davis asked to remove item “e” from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve items “7a- 7d” and “7f – 7v on the agenda, second by Ms. Nicola.

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

Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve item “e” on the Consent Agenda, second by Mr. Corbin.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. New Jersey Fireman’s Application – Patrick Byrne / Fire Company No. 2
- b. Authorizing the redemption of various third party liens _____ 111-4.09
- c. Authorizing the cancellation on exempt property known as Block 12, Lot 9 on the Official Tax Map of the Twp. of North Brunswick, acquired and now owned by the Township of North Brunswick _____ 112-4.09
- d. Requesting approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for the following:
 - a. Uniform Construction Code Enforcement Fee (Third Party) _____ 113-4.09
 - b. Prepaid Rental Certificate of Occupancy _____ 114-4.09
 - c. Spinal Research _____ 115-4.09
 - d. Public Defense Fees _____ 116-4.09
 - e. Handicapped Parking _____ 117-4.09
 - f. Tax Lien Premiums _____ 118-4.09
 - g. Unemployment Compensation Insurance _____ 119-4.09
 - h. Outside Employment of Off Duty Police Officers _____ 120-4.09
 - i. Animal Control _____ 121-4.09
- e. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with Excel Environmental appointed as the 2009 Township Environmental Engineer to include Preliminary Assessment Services for Sabella Park Preschool _____ 122-4.09
- f. Authorizing approval to submit a Grant Application with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Grant Fund Program (Aggressive Driving) _____ 123-4.09
- g. Authorizing the application and acceptance of a Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety “Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Campaign” _____ 124-4.09
- h. Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and North Brunswick Township for the following:
 - a. Route 130 Southbound North of Deans Road to vicinity of Lawrence Brook_ 125-4.09
 - b. Rt. 1 Sec 6V Project _____ 126-4.09
- i. Authorizing an application of a grant and/or low interest loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for rehabilitation of the Church Lane Lift Station _____ 127-4.09
- j. Supporting participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program _____ 128-

Consent agenda, con't.

- k. Support from Local Governing Body authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by Wal –Mart _____ 129-4.09
- l. Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for the Charter Oak @ Church Lane Subdivision, Block 224, Lots 53, 54 & 55 for a Sanitary Sewer Extension _____ 130-4.09
- m. Authorizing Award of a Contract to Warnock Fleet for the purchase of one 2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4WD Vehicle under the Dept. Community Development ___ 131-4.09
- n. North Brunswick’s Municipal Alliance Committee opposing Bill No. 3686 which proposes the transfer of the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to the New Jersey Department of Human Services _____ 132-4.09
- o. Awarding an adjustment for Township resident _____ 133-4.09
- p. Authorizing the approval of Change Order No. 3 to Stone Hill Contracting Co. Inc. for upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant _____ 134-4.09
- q. Resolution for Local Government Energy Audit _____ 135-4.09
- r. Authorizing an application of a grant and/or low interest loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the Route 1 – Water Main Interconnection Project _____ 136-4.09
- s. Authorizing an application of a grant and/or low interest loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program for the 2010 Road and Water Main Improvements Program _____ 137-4.09
- t. Authorizing Award of Contract BID09001 to Lucas Brothers, Inc. for the 2009 Road Improvement Program _____ 138-4.09
- u. Authorizing and establishing a Sustainable North Brunswick Advisory Committee for the Township of North Brunswick _____ 139-4.09
- u. Payment of bills _____ 140-4.09
- v. Urging the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee to deny approval to 986 Jersey Avenue LLC (formerly known as EARO LLC) for a Transfer Station / Material Recovery Facility on the Immediate border of North Brunswick Township _____ 141-4.09

Council President Andrews called for a motion to approve item # 8 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / March 16, 2009. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Public Hearing: Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release to Ben Hur of North Brunswick, LLC. Council President opened the public hearing. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis to close the public hearing.

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

Council President Andrews called for a motion to approve Resolution # 142-4.09– “Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release to Ben Hur of North Brunswick, LLC.”. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#09-07 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to Re-acquire the property known as Block 148.2, Lot 51 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Council President Andrews called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-07. So moved by Mrs. Lyles, second by Mr. Davis, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 20, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the April 9, 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.

Mr. Gordon stated that this ordinance deals with 10 acres of school property that was supposed to be used by the Board of Education for the construction of a new school. This never happened and now the property will be turned over back to the township.

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

#09-08 – An Ordinance authorizing a lease by and between the Township of North Brunswick and the North Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company #2 and the North Brunswick First Aid and Rescue Squad for the use of lands and improvements thereupon owned by the Township of North Brunswick known as Block 148.02, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Council President Andrews called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-08. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on April 20, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the April 9, 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.

Mr. Gordon stated that this ordinance deals with the Local Building and Land Law – agreement to reality – lease with Fire Company # 2 and the First Aid & Rescue Squad – 5 years – little, nominal fee.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator

Mr. Davis – spoke of people who prey on children and seniors – reports of men claiming to be water / sewer repairmen

– gain entry into homes – distract homeowner and other one burglarizes the home – white station wagon reported – call 732-545-3200 – provide information to reporters of the Home News & Tribune and the Sentinel – help us catch these criminals.

Ms. Nicola – thanked Principal Clark from Linwood Middle School for hosting on March , “Women’s / Girl’s Career Day” – 250 students attended. April – Municipal Alliance sponsoring a panel discussion on “Underage Drinking” – 6:00 pm at the Municipal building. Wished all the residents from the Mayor and Council a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Mr. Andrews – creation of the “Sustainable North Brunswick Advisory Committee” – grant funding – “Green Team” – save money – energy savings – for example – solar paneling – rebates. He thanked Glenn Sander and Lou Ann Benson for being the township liaisons.

Council President Andrews opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 PM.

Mr. Lewisdorf – resident from Princeton who takes the coach bus on Route 27 on a regular basis. He has spoken to Mr. Hritz about no bus stop signs on Route 27 – only the posts are there – no sidewalks, no curbs, no benches or shelters. Bus drivers do not know where the bus stops are. No – infra-structure – cannot cross the Six Mile Bridge – too narrow – people have to walk on the road – need signs that designate a bus stop – resolution – used to be a bus stop on every corner.

Ms. Chyb – follow-up – proposed waste treatment on Jersey Avenue – require railroad for removal of waste – county – alternate site – potential – “brown field”? Has the state looked at it as “brown field”? Pulda Farm – appraisals?

Councilman Socio asked all residents to attend a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April at 7:00 pm at the Freeholder Meeting Room in the County Administration Building in New Brunswick to oppose the proposed waste management facility on Jersey Avenue.

Council President Andrews called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. So moved by Mr. Davis second by Mr. Socio.

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

Council president Andrews called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Adjourn – 8:14 P.M.

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

Adjourn – 7:24 P.M.

**Milvi Weiner
Deputy Clerk**

