

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

**REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2009**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, July 6, 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. Corbin, Davis, Socio and Andrews

Absent: none

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

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:

"Detective Seeta Jones" – Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Detective Seeta Jones who on May 7, 2009 observed suspects leaving the scene from a fatal shooting at the Hearthwood Apartments and immediately broadcast an exact description of the vehicle, license plate number and the direction the vehicle was traveling in. The apprehension and arrest of both resulted from this information.

"Detective Steve Dunkel" – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to Detective Steve Dunkel, who on March 12, 2009 was involved in a high speed pursuit through Franklin, North Brunswick and New Brunswick after a robbery occurred at the Bank of America in Franklin Township. Detective Steve Dunkel's actions led to the apprehension and arrest of all four suspects.

"Ptl. Erik Jacobsen – MADD Award for highest DWI arrests in Mdx. County for 2008" – Councilwoman Nicola presented a proclamation to Ptl. Erik Jacobsen which was accepted by Director McCormick in his absence. Ptl. Jacobsen made 28 driving under the influence arrests which put him in the lead for Middlesex County DUI arrests. Mother's Against Drunk Driving on June 17, 2009 recognized Ptl. Erik Jacobsen for his exemplary service.

"Obey the Signs or Pay the Fines – Traffic Safety initiatives for July" – Council President Andrews presented a proclamation to Director McCormick. Police in 75 towns will participate in a statewide effort to help motorists remain safe on New Jersey roadways during the busy summer travel season. North Brunswick is one of 68 police departments throughout the state that will receive a \$4,000 grant to cover overtime costs for looking for motorists traveling in excess of the posted speed limit on local, county and state highways.

Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services honors:

"Warden Edmond C. Cicchi – Litter Initiative Program" – Councilman Socio presented a proclamation to Warden Edmond C. Chicchi of the Middlesex County Correction Center for his continued support in providing valuable resources toward the North Brunswick Township Litter Clean Up Program.

"Scholar / Athlete / Artist for June 2009" –

"Jane Panitch" – Mayor Womack presented a proclamation to Jane Panitch, a grader at Linwood Middle School. She is a High Honor Roll student and has been a Girl Scout for the past 8 years. She volunteered for Buddy Ball Soccer,

participated in North Brunswick Recreation Soccer, a member of the Linwood Gymnastics Team and Cheer and has received many awards.

Celebrate North Brunswick Committee honors:

“Fire Department and Rescue Squad” – Mayor Womack, Chairman John Albert and members of the Celebrate North Brunswick Committee presented proclamations to the members of the volunteer fire companies and rescue squad. On March 28, 2009 at 3:05 am volunteers from the volunteer fire department companies 1, 2, and 3 and volunteers from the first aid and rescue squad responded to an automobile accident on Route 1 at the intersection of Fashion Plaza Drive. Volunteers from the emergency services worked together to establish a joint command and secure the scene of a car versus tractor trailer accident. Employees of George Logan Towing, Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management and Paramedics from Robert Wood Johnson assisted in the accident scene.

Township Fire Chief, Donald Salzmann presented a special Certificate of Excellence to Logan Towing, which was accepted by George Logan, Sr., George Logan III (Richard Logan – unable to attend). This certificate recognized the excellence and dedication of Logan Towing to the North Brunswick Fire Department and the North Brunswick First Aid and Rescue Squad.

Chief Jeffrey Steinman, North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad stated that Logan Towing services are invaluable.

He stated that the township’s first aid and rescue squad’s 2009 residential fund drive brought in 20 percent less than the 2008 drive.

Fundraiser Chairman for the fire companies, George Cocco stated that expenses keep going up. Fundraisers, such as selling Easter flowers have been canceled because sales were too slow. The fire companies and rescue squad are in need of new members.

Break for Proclamation recipients - 7:42 pm

Resume – 7:52 pm

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made Mr. Davis to reclude himself from item “Q” on the agenda, motion made by Mr. Socio to approve items “9a- 9p” and items “9r – 9w” on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve item “q” which was previously removed from the Consent Agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Authorizing the redemption of various third party liens _____ 201-7.09
- b. Authorizing an accelerated tax sale _____ 202-7.09
- c. Approving preliminary Municipal Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2009 _____ 203-7.09
- d. Approving a tonnage grant application _____ 204-7.09
- e. Authorizing the acceptance of a \$14,116 Federal Grant Award entitled “Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) administered by the City of New Brunswick Police Department _____ 205-7.09
- f. Authorizing the application and use of U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Federal FY2009 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Reimbursement Program _____ 206-7.09
- g. Authorizing the application and use of a State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety entitled, “Over the limit under arrest 2009 Statewide Crackdown” ____ 207-7.09
- h. Authorizing the issuance of Requests for Quotes for various goods and services to the Township of North Brunswick _____ 208-7.09
- i. Local Government Energy Audit Program Grant Resolution pursuant to DLGS Authorization _____ 209-7.09
- j. Authorizing the Italian American Social Club to conduct a fireworks display _____ 210-7.09
- k. Authorizing the approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the following:
 - 1. Hermann Road Roadway Improvements Project _____ 211-7.09
 - 2. US Route 130 Bikeway Improvements Project _____ 212-7.09

Consent agenda, cont.

- l. Authorizing a contract amendment with the following:
 - 1. A. Montone Construction Inc. for the Farrington Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Line and Water Line Replacement Project Closeout Change Order (23,291.71) _____ 213-7.09
 - 2. CM Engineers, LLC to provide professional services for the upgrade Of the North Brunswick Free Public Library HVAC Unit _____ 214-7.09
- m. Authorizing acceptance and utilization of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Stimulus Package (CDBG-R) of the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act of 2009- \$34,990.00 _____ 215-7.09
- n. Authorizing the cancellation of taxes on exempt property known as Block 51, Lot 4 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of North Brunswick, acquired and now owned by the Township of North Brunswick _____ 216-7.09
- o. Awarding an adjustment for Township residents _____ 217-7.09
- p. Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of North Brunswick and the Board of Education of the Township of North Brunswick for Building Maintenance Services _____ 218-7.09
- q. Authorizing a Change in Scope to the PSA with Excel Environmental appointed as the 2009 Township Environmental Engineer to conduct an evaluation of Sabella Preschool outside play area _____ 219-7.09
- r. Authorizing an agreement with McNeil and Company, Inc. (ESIP) as an E.U.S. _____ 220-7.09
- s. Authorizing Award of BID09001 Alternate D with Lucas Brothers, Inc. as part of the 2009 Road Improvement Program for reconstruction of Linwood Parking Lot _____ 221-7.09
- t. Authorizing Bonds in the Principal Sum of \$18,157,000 authorized by nine Bond Ordinances heretofore adopted to finance part of the cost of various improvements in the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey into one consolidated issue of Bonds and providing for the form, maturities and other details of said consolidated issue _____ 222-7.09
- u. Authorizing the renewal of a portion of the Township's \$29,328,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2008A, dated August 18, 2008 and authorizing Bond Anticipation Notes in the sum of #3,115,000 authorized by two Bond Ordinances heretofore adopted to finance various Capital Improvements in, by and for the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, and providing for other details of said issue _____ 223-7.09
- v. Opposing "Fast – Track" Legislation issued by the New Jersey State Legislature _____ 224-7.09
- w. Payment of bills _____ 225-7.09

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item # 10 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / June 1, 2009. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#09-11 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 238, "Peace and Good Order" to create and establish a new Article V, "Drug Free School Zones" and a new Article VI, "Drug Free Public Property Zones"

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-11. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on August 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the July 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.

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

#09-12 - An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 106 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”, Section 106-4 “Fees; Prerequisites to issuance of Licenses”, to increase the fees for Liquor Licenses

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-12. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on August 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the July 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.

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

#09-13 – An Ordinance authorizing amendment to Chapter 14 of the Township Code pertaining to the Municipal Court

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-13. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on August 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the July 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.

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

#09-14 - An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 166, “Entertainment, Public”, Section 166-3 “Applications, Procedure for Granting Special Permits; Fee” to provide for the option to waive the permit fee for bona fide Non Profit Organizations and Units of State and Local Government and Section 166-8 “Responsibility of Applicant for cost of any services required to pay for the cost of all municipal services required to accommodate the entertainment activity and to amend the title of such section to “Responsibility of applicant for cost of all services required”

Mayor Womack discussed recent introduction of Ordinance #09-14 at an agenda session – additional discussion by members of council. Mr. Socio intends moving away from what is provided now- requires applicant to pay for these services – what do other towns do? - two existing organizations – Italian Carnivale and the Youth Sports Festival – hold off for additional information. Ms. Benson and Ms. Larkin accumulating all information – budget meetings – meetings with parties involved. Mr. Andrews – budget process – costs related to these services – meet with groups – how it will affect them – more information – un-introduced - next agenda meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Socio to approve item “q” which was previously removed from the Consent Agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

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

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator

Ms. Nicola – Community Camp Out – rain date – July at the Community Park – funded partly by the Municipal Alliance Committee – tents – “big” movie screen – register at the Parks & Recreation Department. August – “National Night Out” – held at the Community Park – fun for all ages – door prizes – alcohol free event. Mr. Socio – next Wednesday is his daughter’s - Alessandra – birthday.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 8:04PM.
No comments from the public.

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

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

Nays: none

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

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

Adjourn – 8:05 P.M.

**Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk**

