

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

**REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:02 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:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 2, 2020 to the following:

- a) The Home News Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Mr. Gordon led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Also present: Business Administrator Kathy Monzo, Township Attorney Ronald Gordon, Esq., Director of Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, OEM Coordinator Mark Cafferty, Chairman for Democratic Party Richard Zangara, Food Bank representative Kathy Aruta, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 1 Nellie Sowell.

Proclamation

North Brunswick Democratic Organization presenting check to North Brunswick Food Bank
Democratic Chairman Richard Zangara presents Food Bank representative Kathy Aruta with a generous check of money raised by the Democratic party for the food bank. Kathy gives thanks to all.

75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz

Councilman Davis reads proclamation reflecting on the lives of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and pay tribute to the American soldiers and other Allied Forces who fought tirelessly to defeat the Nazi regime (proclamation attached)

Council President Andrews asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Andrews called for a motion to approve *items 5a. through 5t.* on the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Guadagnino, second by Mr. Socio.

Consent Agenda – line items “a - t”

- a. 61-2.20 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Outreach -\$10,500.00**
- b. 62-2.20 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Senior Transportation -\$10,000.00**
- c. 63-2.20 Authorizing the application and acceptance for a Middlesex County Department on Aging Grant Congregate Meal -\$10,000.00**
- d. 64-2.20 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled Veteran - Block 166, Lot 9.02**
- e. 65-2.20 Authorizing the cancellation of taxes for a 100% disabled Veteran - Block 217, Lot 18**
- f. 66-2.20 Authorizing the reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Service Project**
- g. 67-2.20 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Outreach - \$10,500.00**
- h. 68-2.20 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services Senior Transportation - \$10,000.00**
- i. 69-2.20 Item of revenue in budget (Chapter 159): Office of Aging and Disabled Services Congregate Meals - \$10,000.00**
- j. 70-2.20 Authorizing the North Brunswick Township through the North Brunswick Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to enable the North Brunswick Police Department to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment**
- k. 71-2.20 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID19012 to National Water Main Cleaning Company under the Dept. of Public Works for Sewer Jet Vac Services**
- l. 72-2.20 Authorizing an amendment to Contract BID17014 with On Site Landscape Management for Landscape Maintenance Services**
- m. 73-2.20 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Arcari and Iovino Architects, LLC to include Grant Application Services for the North Brunswick Public Library**
- n. 74-2.20 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with T&M Associates appointed as the 2020 Township Environmental Engineer to include a Preliminary Site Investigation for Block 224, Lots 19 and 20**
- o. 75-2.20 Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with CME Associates appointed as the 2020 Township Consulting Engineering Firm for Professional Services associated with the Old Georges Road Water Main Rehabilitation Project**
- p. 76-2.20 Authorizing a credit to townships residents for their water sewer utility account**
- q. 77-2.20 Domestic Violence Policy for Public Employers**
- r. 78-2.20 Approving applicants for taxi owner's licenses**
- s. 79-2.20 Bill List**
- t. 80-2.20 Designating Janice Larkin and Melanie Paccillo to serve as Human Resource Officer as required under the Domestic Violence Policy required by all New Jersey Public Employee beginning 2020**

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

Council President Andrews called for a motion to approve *item 6a. & 6b.* on the agenda *Minutes/Special Council Meeting/January 6, 2020 & Minutes/Regular Council Meeting/January 13, 2020* so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction

#20-02 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 416 of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick entitled Retail Food Establishments Section 416-7, Certification Required, adding new Section 416-9 entitled, Posting of Evaluations/Inspection Placards and Renumbering existing Sections 416-9 “Summons and Complaint” and Section 416-10 “Violations and Penalties” as Section 416-10 and 416-11 respectively and Chapter 427 entitled Swimming Pools

Council President Andrews called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance #20-02*, So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Guadagnino. Reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the February 6, 2020 issue of The Home News and Tribune as according to the law. This ordinance is posted in Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

#20-03 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of Township of North Brunswick, to amend Section 205-7 “Definitions”

Council President Andrews called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance #20-03*, So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Guadagnino. Reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the February 6, 2020 issue of The Home News and Tribune as according to the law. This ordinance is posted in Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

#20-04 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 205, “Land Use” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick, to amend Article XIV A C-4 Non Restricted Commercial District and Article XXIV Off- Street Parking and Loading

Council President Andrews called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance #20-03*, So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio. Reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the February 6, 2020 issue of The Home News and Tribune as according to the law. This ordinance is posted in Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

Ordinance/Second Reading/Public Hearing

#20-01 – Ordinance – Second Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 334 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick to amend parking and traffic conditions on Renaissance Boulevard and Morris Drive

Council President Andrews opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

Council President Andrews called for a motion to adopt *Ordinance# 20-01*. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio. *Ordinance #20-01* approved on second and final reading and then published in the February 6, 2020 issue of the Home News and Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Womack & Mr. Corbin

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilwoman Guadagnino announces Municipal Alliance program starting leadership conference series on February 12, February 19 and February 26. Topics that will be discussed will be underage drinking, positive choices and internet safety. Contact Director Benson for more info.

Councilman Davis speaks of memorial held for Sal Palidino. Councilman spoke how great it was and everyone reflecting how wonderful he was.

Council President Andrews opened the Public Hearing at 7:14PM

Resident Mark Lamonica questions process of Township employees going door to door Saturday morning. He was asking what the job entailed. Council President Andrews responds by saying the employee were going door to door to speak with residents in regards to the water meter replacement project. Mr. Lamonica questions how the Township employees were chosen for this job? Question responded to by Ms. Monzo. Further discussion continued between Mr. Lamonica, Ms. Monzo and Mr. Gordon.

Mayor Womack arrives at 7:18PM

Resident Anthony Nastus speaks of issue he had at previous Mondays workshop meeting, questioning if any progress has been made on the graffiti on the Livingston Ave bridge and a time frame for clean up? Mayor responds to question. Mr. Nastus asked if Mayor could write a letter to AmTrack? Mayor responds Mr. Nastus asked how Code enforcement works? Question answered by Director Hritz. Mr. Nastus questioned why Newton Street issue he brought up and list of issues he submitted has not been addressed? Responded to by Director Hritz. Mr. Nastus continued to inquire about issues with 777 Adams Lane, 3 Edgewood Place and 497 Georges Road? Director Hritz responded to ask Mr. Nastus concerns.

Mr. Mark Lamonica speaks again and wants to make not he is not only a resident by an Township employee and he will fight for his position if questioned. He said while Mr. Nastus was speaking he goggled “crime to putting anything in a mailbox” Mr. Lamonica read what Google said. He made mention to how it pertained to what he had previously spoke about. Councilwoman Guadagnino and Councilman Lopez respond to him. Mr. Lamonica asked why there was a flyer placed in his mailbox and questioned if the employees were instructed to do so? Mayor responds. Discussion continued between Mr. Lamonica and Mayor Womack.

Mr. Nastus asks how code enforcement works? Questioned if code enforcement officers have a designated area? Mayor, Councilman Socio and Director Hritz respond. Mr. Nastus asks regarding addresses he has brought attention to in the past? Claims they have been issues for over 10 years. Mayor and Director Hritz respond. Mr. Nastus questions what is going on with 12th street – mainly 965 or 961, he is unsure of exact address. Mr Nastus say the property is not being maintained, he asked the Mayor to speak with the Judge to see if anything can be done? Mayor responds. Mr. Nastus brings up 21 Oakland

Street. Answered by Director Hritz Mr. Nastus has concerns of school bus being parked on McAuliffe Dr. Responded to by Council President Andrews and Director Hritz. Mr. Nastus questions status of Thalia Street, he states fire hydrant has been clean up but he questions th econditioned of the rest of the property. Director Hritz responds.

Mr. Lamonica commends Director Hritz for standing up for his employees.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Ms. Guadagnino, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Davis, Socio & Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Corbin

Adjourn 8:13 PM

Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, January 27, 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz; and

WHEREAS, we pause and reflect on the lives of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and pay tribute to the American soldiers and other Allied Forces who fought tirelessly to defeat the Nazi regime; and

WHEREAS, a solemn commemoration ceremony was held at the site of the former extermination camp, where approximately 1.1 million people, mostly Jews, were murdered by German Nazi forces between 1940 and 1945; and

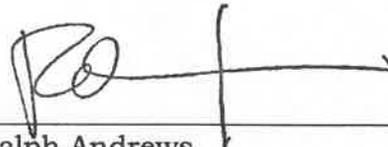
WHEREAS, the courageous survivors of the Holocaust have persevered to bear witness so that all of us today and in the future will never forget the Nazis' unconscionable attempt to destroy the Jewish people. Their steadfast spirit compels us to make sure that their story lives on; and

WHEREAS, on this 75th Anniversary we honor the memory of those who were killed, we cherish the survivors who ensured the continuance of the Jewish people, and we offer a debt of gratitude to the brave soldiers who sacrificed everything in the name of Freedom.

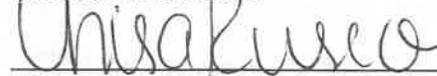
NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, January 27, 2020 as a day of remembrance of the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Francis M. Womack III, Mayor
Township of North Brunswick



Ralph Andrews,
Council President



Lisa Russo,
Municipal Clerk

February 3, 2020

