

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
March 2, 2020**

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, March 2, 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:

Present: Messrs. Lopez, Davis, Socio, Andrews and Ms. Guadagnino  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mayor Womack and 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.

Lisa Russo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Also present:** Business Administrator Kathryn Monzo, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Director of Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Deputy Chief Joseph Battaglia, Assistant Business Administrator/ Purchasing Agent Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Traffic Safety Officers, Rick Slover, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 1 Nellie Sowell

**Proclamation**

Councilman Davis presents proclamation to ***Anirudh Ramakrishnan***. Anirudh has been selected as Scholar/Athlete/Artist of the month for March 2020. Anirudh excels in Honor Geometry, Honors Physical and Advanced Language Arts. He is a member of the Linwood 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band where he plays the Clarinet and enjoys many other clubs Linwood has to offer. He is also in the Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Math Olympiad (proclamation attached) Anirudh thanks his family for support, teachers. Ms. Benson and North Brunswick. He wants to give back to the community through volunteering.

Councilwoman Guadagnino presents proclamation to ***Vinuta Ramakrishnan***. Vinuta has been selected as Scholar/Athlete/Artist of the month for March 2020. Vinuta excels in Advanced Math and Reading Programs at Linwood Middle School. She is a member of the Linwood Middle School Orchestra where she plays the violin, the Chamber Orchestra Club and the Math Olympiad Club and the Humanitarian Club (proclamation attached) Vinuta thanks her family, the governing body, Ms. Benson and everyone.

Council President Andrew calls for a 5 minute break at 7:12pm

Council President Andrews resumes meeting at 7:17pm

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 – 5g* on the consent agenda. Motion made by Ms. Guadagnino to approve *items 5a– 5g* on the agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll call:

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

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. 95-3.20 Canceling \$507,750 Balance from Sewer Utility Operating Fund "Other Expense" appropriation
- b. 96-3.20 Canceling \$50,000 Balance from Water Utility Operating Fund "Salary & Wages" appropriation and \$168,140 from the "other expenses" appropriation
- c. 97-3.20 Authorizing the Award of Contract BID19010 to for Website Design Services
- d. 98-3.20 Amending Contract BID19009 with Allied Construction Group, Inc. for the purchase and installation of Raw Water Intake Screens at the Water Treatment Plant Closeout Change Order (\$53,255.35)
- e. 99-3.20 Authorizing a Participation Agreement with Middlesex County Department of Infrastructure Management for the acceptance of property known and designated as Tax Block 227, Lots 18, 18.01, 41.01 & 41.02 to be acquired by Middlesex County and assigned to the Township of North Brunswick
- f. 100-3.20 Authorizing a Conservation Restriction Agreement as part of the Participation Agreement with Middlesex County for the acquisition of property known as Tax Block 227, Lots 18, 18.01, 41.01 and 41.02
- g. 101-3.20 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *item 6a* on the agenda Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes / February 18, 2020 so moved by Mr. Davis second by Ms. Guadagnino

Roll call:

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

### **Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction:**

#20-05 – An Ordinance of the Township of North Brunswick providing for the acceptance of Real Property known and designated as Tax Block 227, Lots 18, 18.01, 41.01 and 41.02 be acquired by Middlesex County and assigned to the Township of North Brunswick.

Council President Andrews called for a motion to introduce Ordinance # 20-05, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino. Reading and public hearing to be held at regular meeting on March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Following, legal publication in the March 5, 2020, issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

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

### **Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO**

Councilman Socio announces Township of North Brunswick Parks, recreation & Community Services Adult Drams Group presenting Guys and Dolls. Show is Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 5,6 & 7, 2020 at NBTHS Auditorium at 8:00pm. (Flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces March 8, 2020 is Woman's Day from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. They will be walking down Hermann Road to the Linwood traffic light then back. Theme is #eachforequal. More info at DPRCS.

Councilman Socio announces Holly event March 14 at Vet Park

Councilman Socio announces March 28 from 8:00am – 10:00am the Heritage Day Committee presents Breakfast with the EasterBunny. (flyer attached)

Councilman Socio announces sports summer registration for tennis & lacrosse are available at DPRCS.

Councilman Socio announces “Lets Bloom Together” taking place at Eisenhower Park & Clinton Place on the Farrington Lakeside.

Councilman Socio announces Municipal Alliance get up and move available to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Information available at DPRCS.

Council President Andrews asked if anyone would like to be heard in Public Hearing at 7:23pm.

*Resident Deborah Ratliff* –

Spoke about her concerns regarding peace and good order. She has concerns regarding loud music and how it effects people who work off shift hours, 1<sup>st</sup> responders, elderly, etc. Ms. Ratliff reads and article in the Sentinel that the Mayor had commented on and she read the Code regarding peace and good order. She does not feel it is ok how late they are allowed to play music to and how loud it is played. She asked

how these situations are handled. Council President Andrews responds. Deborah makes mention of a neighbor of her playing loud music and the police came. She said after the police left they continued to play loud music. Deputy Chief Battaglia responds to her. She said this happened last year. Further discussion between her and Deputy Chief Battaglia. Ms. Ratliff asks what will be done now that the weather is getting nicer and with the Caronavirus she thinks people will be staying in their homes more and she thinks the music will be to loud and people will be prisoners in their homes with the music. Council President Andrews responds. Ms. Ratliff concludes by saying she appreciates everyone for what they do.

Council President Andrews called for a motion to close the Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Council President Andrews called for a motion to adjourn meeting, so moved by Mr. Socio second by Ms. Guadagnino.

Roll call:

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

Adjourn 7:39 pm

Lisa Russo  
Municipal Clerk

# Proclamation

*By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick*

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services presents a Scholar / Athlete / Artist award each month to North Brunswick students encouraging excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh Ramakrishnan** has been selected as Scholar / Athlete / Artist of the month for March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh** is in the eighth grade at Linwood Middle School and is a High Honor Roll student; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh** excels in Honors Geometry, Honors Physics and Advanced Language Arts. He is a member of the Linwood 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band where he plays the Clarinet and enjoys many other clubs Linwood has to offer. He is also in the Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Math Olympiad. His favorite school subjects are Math and Science. Anirudh has won numerous awards in state and national Math competitions, such as iLearn Schools Math Contest at Princeton University, the AMC 8 which provides middle school students the ability to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics to assist them in future careers and the National Math Olympiad. He is also Regional Champion and State top ten in Science Olympiad; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh** is a member of the North Brunswick Youth Council, a group of youth who volunteer within the community and have an opportunity to have their ideas heard. He is on the North Brunswick Library Teen Advisory Board where he participates in all Teen Library activities. He is an active member of Sri Sathya Sai Education and Human Values Program, a religious program that focuses on values; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh** volunteers his time monthly to local nursing homes helping the senior citizens in any way he can. He collects and packages food supplies for the "Hunger Van" Program, which brings food and other essential items to the homeless. Anirudh enjoys helping children who are less fortunate by packing food, school supplies, collecting gently used and new books to be sent to countries all over the world. He is also proactive in the Medical Camps by organizing hygiene and health kits; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh** has been studying Indian Classical music for ten years and enjoys playing soccer and basketball. His hobbies include reading books, Pokemon, listening to Jazz, soft rock, and Indian Classical Music.

**WHEREAS**, **Anirudh Ramakrishnan** is an outstanding role model for his peers and the youth of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to **Anirudh Ramakrishnan** and name him Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Scholar / Athlete / Artist Award recipient, and wish him continued success in the future.

Francis M. Womaek III  
Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
March 2, 2020

Ralph Andrews  
Council President

Lou Ann Benson  
Director of DPRCS

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**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services presents a Scholar / Athlete / Artist award each month to North Brunswick students encouraging excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta Ramakrishnan** has been selected as Scholar / Athlete / Artist of the month for March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta** is in the sixth grade at Linwood Middle School and is a High Honor Roll student; and

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta** excels in Advanced Math and Reading Programs at Linwood Middle School. She is a member of the Linwood Middle School Orchestra where she plays the violin, the Chamber Orchestra Club, the Math Olympiad Club and the Humanitarian Club, where they strive to make the community a better place. Vinuta's favorite subject is Math and has won several Math contests. She received a perfect score on the NJSLA/PARCC tests in elementary school; and

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta** is a member of the North Brunswick Youth Council, a group of youth who volunteer within the community and have an opportunity to have their ideas heard. She is on the North Brunswick Library Teen Advisory Board where she participates in all Teen Library activities. She is an active member of the Sri Sathya Sai Education and Human Values Program, a religious program that focuses on values. She studies American Sign Language to help children and families that are in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta** volunteers her time monthly at the local nursing home helping senior citizens in any way she can. She also collects and packages food supplies for the "Hunger Van" Program, which brings food and other essential items to the homeless. She aides in Medical Camps by organizing hygiene and health kits and makes baby caps to donate to hospitals. Vinuta volunteers in North Brunswick for the Buddy Ball Basketball, a program designed for special needs children in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta** has been studying Indian Classical Music & Violin for six to seven years and enjoys playing basketball. Her hobbies include art, playing violin, biking, crocheting, reading and writing, calligraphy, and jigsaw puzzles.

**WHEREAS**, **Vinuta Ramakrishnan** is an outstanding role model for her peers and the youth of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to **Vinuta Ramakrishnan** and name her Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Scholar / Athlete / Artist Award recipient, and wish her continued success in the future.

Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
March 2, 2020

Ralph Andrews  
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Township of North Brunswick  
Parks, Recreation & Community Services  
Adult Drama Group

50<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

The title 'GODS & DOLLS' is rendered in a large, white, 3D block font. The letters are slightly offset to create a sense of depth. Two dice are integrated into the design: one is positioned above the 'S' and another is below the 'L'. The dice are also rendered in a 3D style with visible pips.

Based on a story by DAMON RUNYON  
Music and Lyrics by FRANK LOESSER  
Book by JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 5, 6 & 7, 2020**  
**NBTHS Auditorium - 8:00 pm**

*Adults: \$18    Seniors/Children 12 & under: \$15*

**Matinee Performance - Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm**

*All seats \$15*

*Tickets are available at the township municipal building  
or at the door prior to each performance.  
Call (732) 247-0922 x475 for more information.*

North Brunswick Township & The Heritage Day Committee present:



\$10  
per  
person



Funds for Friends  
**Breakfast with the  
Easter Bunny**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020  
8:00 am ~ 10:00 am**

**Be a part of the fun!**

The fun begins at 8:00 am and includes: breakfast, crafts, games & prizes for finding the Golden Egg! Kids can take pictures with our famous friends, The Greene Turtle, Parx the Chipmunk, Bubbles from TLE and the Easter Bunny!

Tickets are available online through [communitypass.net](http://communitypass.net) or pay that morning at the door. We will only accept cash/checks at the event, we cannot accept credit cards at the Greene Turtle.

For more information call DPRCS at 732-247-0922 x 475 email [events@northbrunswicknj.gov](mailto:events@northbrunswicknj.gov) or follow us on Facebook.

All proceeds support the 38th Annual Heritage Day - North Brunswick's Community Day!

**Greene Turtle 211 Main St, North Brunswick Township, NJ 08902**