

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING  
February 28, 2022**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center  
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

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1. Council President Wendell called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

In the absence of the Township Clerk, Nennette Perry, and the unavailability of the Deputy Clerk, Tamar Lawful was temporarily assigned to attend tonight's meeting and to perform the duties as the Township Clerk. The Council President requested a motion. Councilman McEvoy moved to appoint Tamar Lawful to attend the February 28, 2022 Township Council Meeting and to perform the duties of the Township Clerk for the purpose of this meeting. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. With a voice-vote from the Township Council, all were in favor.

The Clerk called the roll:

Present: Councilman Behal, Councilman McEvoy,  
Councilwoman Sullivan, Councilwoman Zimbicki  
Council President Wendell

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Raj Goomer, Township Attorney  
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator, Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk

2. Statement of Notice of Publication:

The Clerk read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by specifying the time, date, location, and to the extent known, of the agenda, by posting a copy on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the East Brunswick Municipal Building, providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and the Sentinel newspapers, posting a copy on the Township's website and by a filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk, which will be entered into the minutes.

3. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

There were none.

4. Agenda Session: (Discussion Only – No Vote)

There were none.

5. Public Hearing:  
**Community Development Block Grant**  
**By: Susan Fein**

Susan Fein, Housing Specialist for the Township of East Brunswick, gave a brief presentation explaining the purpose and benefits of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The federally funded program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides communities with resources to address a wide range of community development needs, specifically in low to moderate income communities, to assist families, the elderly and those with disability. Funding can be used to facilitate in a wide range of activities, such as housing rehabilitation, code enforcement, acquisition of real property, demolition, infrastructure, public facility, economic development and social services.

Ms. Fein will apply for the CDBG Program with Middlesex County and encouraged the public to come forth and provide recommendations on how best to use the resources.

Council President Wendell opened the floor to the public to comment or provide recommendations of possible projects to consider.

**Yan Bregman – 4 Troy Court**

Mr. Bregman inquired on the amount of funding and where the resources are coming from.

Council President Wendell explained that the resources derive from Middlesex County.

**Alex Spielman – 6 Douglas Road**

Mr. Spielman inquired about the allocation of funds.

Council President Wendell explained that Ms. Fein is seeking recommendations from the public on projects to consider prior to submitting an application with Middlesex County.

With no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Program.

6. Reports

Mayor, Administrator, Director of Law, Clerk, Council Committee/Board, Ad Hoc Committees Reports, Request Communication:

**Mayor Cohen** – Mayor Cohen reported that on April 7, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the Township will host a meeting to allow new residents to meet the Township’s Department Heads, and to discuss items of importance to ensure the public are informed on how each department functions.

Developers are working on the first phase of the 110 Tices Lane Redevelopment Project. The Township has acquired additional land, given by the developer, for the use and benefit of the public. The Township has received approval from the DEP to utilize the land for an ice-skating rink. The Township is further interested in using other financial mechanism, such as PILOT, to renovate public schools and to build the ice rink for the use of the community. The ultimate mission of the Governing Body is to respond to the public’s request without financially burdening tax payers, if possible.

**Joseph Criscuolo, Township Administrator** - Mr. Criscuolo had nothing new to report.

**Tamar Lawful, on behalf of the Township Clerk** – Ms. Lawful had nothing new to report.

**Councilman McEvoy** – Councilman McEvoy discussed the water report for the Township of East Brunswick. He explained the various information provided in the report, ranging from maintenance, water quality, the use of chemicals, water production, and water sales, to name a few.

Residents will receive new water meters in the near future. Notices of the replacement will be sent to all property owners.

With regards to the water project from Route 18 to Rues Lane, the Township is cooperating with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to replace and improve its infrastructure (pipes). The Department of Transportation will finance half of the project.

**Councilwoman Sullivan** – Councilwoman Sullivan stated that today marks the 166<sup>th</sup> year since the Township of East Brunswick was incorporated in 1860.

**Councilman Behal** – Councilman Behal had nothing new to report.

**Councilwoman Zimbicki** – Councilwoman Zimbicki had nothing new to report.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public.

**David Lonski – 15 Kentisbury Circle**

Mr. Lonski encouraged the public to assist the refugees in Ukraine through donations. He asked to keep the lives of innocent militia and civilians in prayers.

**Troy Bailey – 16 Glen Court**

Mr. Bailey thanked all the Township staff for their hard work and efforts. He proposed the Township provide more details of the process already taken and the additional steps to be taken for the ice rink project.

**Thomas Ingrisani – 58 Deerfield Drive**

Mr. Ingrisani inquired whether the project will impact property taxes. He also inquired whether the Township will generate additional revenue from the project.

**Alex Spielman – 6 Douglas Road**

Mr. Spielman inquired how a PILOT would offset the financial burden on property tax payers. He further inquired how school districts are impacted by PILOT programs.

Mayor Cohen explained that the process of redevelopment and PILOT has plenty of incentives for a municipality.

Mr. Criscuolo added that PILOT's allow for low performing lots to make a premium through redevelopment. For instance, Old Bridge Township used funding from one of its PILOT agreements to install new turf and tracks at its public schools. A new school was built through PILOT. PILOT programs help to improve the municipality.

Installing an ice rink has more benefits than a pool. Woodbridge Township recently added another ice rink directly across from its current ice rink and both are frequently used, stated Mr. Criscuolo.

Mr. Goomer stated that PILOT programs provides substantial financial benefits to municipalities.

**Yan Bregman – 4 Troy Court**

Mr. Bregman echoed the sentiment of the resident who encouraged the support of Ukraine against the unfortunate existential atrocity. He then commented about the growing crime rates in the Township. He requested a report from the Police Chief on the rising crime in the Township.

Council President Wendell explained that the Chief of Police will conduct a report on Facebook Live.

**Marcy (last name unknown) – Address inaudible**

Marcy inquired about the Fern Road Improvement Project.

Director of Planning and Engineering, Keith Kipp, stated that the final design plans were sent to DOT. Construction will begin when school is out of session. The goal is to increase the drainage capacity.

Mr. Goomer informed the public that the matter is under potential litigation and advised the Council to refrain from commenting on the matter.

**David Herrera – 32 Cosgrove Court**

Mr. Herrera expressed his excitement about the ice-skating rink. He inquired about resources to build the ice-skating rink.

He further commented that the intent of someone to commit a crime in the Township, despite the nature and type of crime, remains concerning.

**Nicole Cortese – 11 Peach Orchard Road**

Ms. Cortese stated that she was born and raised in East Brunswick and is expecting her first child. She expressed concerns with the crime statistics in the Township, and would like to understand the crime statistics in more detail.

**Lenny Benzilio – 12 Van Hise Court**

Mr. Benzilio inquired on the start date of the Fern Road Improvement Project. He further requested additional information on the project. Mr. Goomer deferred to Keith Kipp and reminded the public that the Council cannot comment on the project due to a potential litigation.

Mr. Kipp explained that storms have become more sudden and torrential, which overwhelms the drainage system. The project will increase the drainage capacity to avoid water from backing up.

8. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

Council President Wendell asked the Council if they wish to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Items A, B, and F were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council President Wendell read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

- C. 17329 Resolution Appointing Tara Nicole Auciello Esq. as an Additional Municipal Court Judge for the Township of East Brunswick
- D. 17330 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Contract to Starfire Corporation for Fireworks Display – July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, in the Amount of \$34,000.00
- E. 17331 Resolution Awarding a Contract Extension to Brother’s Exterior for Tree Planting Services for the Township of East Brunswick for the Contract Amount of \$43,952.00
- G. 17333 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for Janitorial Services to AllBrite Cleaning Services, LLC for the Neilson Plaza and the Transportation and Commerce Center Parking Facilities in the Amount of \$2,995.00 Per Month for 24 Months
- H. 17334 Resolution Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Lien Redemptions
- I. 17335 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax/Utility Overpayments
- J. 17336 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Wrecker Licenses for the Year 2022
- K. 17337 Resolution Appointing Representatives to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee for the Year 2022
- L. 17338 Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management for the Recycling Enhancement Grant (REG) Program
- M. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2022
- N. Approval of Bills List (approval of bills owed by Township to various individuals, companies and accounts).

Resolution Re: Approval of Bill List

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick has approved Ordinance 74-1-BB amending the municipal ordinances accordingly requiring the Township Council's approval before any disbursements are made.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick that the following bills have been duly audited and found correct by the Director of Finance and she is ordered to pay the amounts as hereinafter stated.

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**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to adopt the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, excluding items, A, B, and F. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from the Township Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal – yes, McEvoy – yes, Sullivan – yes, Zimbicki – yes and Wendell – yes  
With an affirmative vote from the Township Council, the resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved.

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**RESOLUTION(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Wendell read the following resolution removed from the consent agenda by title:

**A. 17327 Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Contract with Lucas Brothers, Inc. as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 in the Amount of \$31,902.82**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion. Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the resolution. There being no further discussion from the Township Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Zimbicki – yes and Wendell - yes  
With an affirmative vote from the Township Council, the resolution for Item A was approved.

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Council President Wendell read the following resolution removed from the consent agenda by title:

**B. 17328 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Mechanical Street Sweeper Under the Sourcewell National Cooperative Pricing System, Contract # 093021-ELG, in the Amount of \$274,706.82**

Councilman Behal moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion. Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the resolution. There being no further discussion from the Township Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Zimbicki – yes and Wendell - yes  
With an affirmative vote from the Township Council, the resolution for Item B was approved.

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Council President Wendell read the following resolution removed from the consent agenda by title:

**F. 17332 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Combination Single Engine Sewer Cleaner with Positive Displacement Vacuum System Mounted on a Heavy-Duty Truck Chassis Under the Source well National Cooperative Pricing System, Contract # 101221-VTR, in the Amount of \$502,802.55**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the resolution. There being no further discussion from the Township Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Zimbicki – yes and Wendell - yes  
With an affirmative vote from the Township Council, the resolution for Item F was approved.

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date:

There were none.

10. New Business:

Council President Wendell proceeded to read the title of Resolution 17339.

**A. 17339 Resolution Authorizing Professional Architectural Services from DMR Architects in the Amount of \$575,000.00 for Architectural Design Services for the East Brunswick Township Ice Rink Project**

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to discuss the resolution. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. With an affirmative voice-vote from the Township Council, the resolution was approved to be discussed. Mr. Criscuolo and Council President Wendell explained the purpose of the resolution.

Mr. Kipp explained the process the Ice Rink Project has taken thus far. The site plan design was completed inhouse, CME designed the floor plan of the ice rink, ensuring the consistency of the grading and footprint of other designs. Council Members asked questions concerning the project.

Council McEvoy moved to table the further discussion of this resolution for the next scheduled Township Council Meeting. The discussion should open the floor to the public, and also include professionals such as Keith Kipp, and an architect representative from DMR. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion. With an affirmative voice vote from the Township Council, the motion to table the discussion of Resolution 17339 was approved to be discussed at the March 14, 2022 Township Council Meeting. The Resolution was not acted upon at this time.

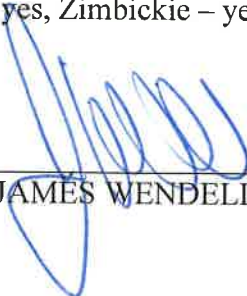
11. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman McEvoy reported that the Daisy Breakfast Fundraising returns on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will be held at the East Brunswick Hilton Hotel. Buffet breakfast will be provided, music and surprises. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child 5 years and under.

12. Adjournment: 9:10 P.M.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Zimbickie – yes, Wendell - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

  
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JAMES WENDELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK