

EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2022

Township of East Brunswick
1 Jean Walling Civic Center Dr.
East Brunswick, New Jersey



Regular Meeting: X
Special Meeting: N/A
Meeting Time: 7:30 P.M.

Council President Wendell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Governing Body and its audience proceeded with the Pledge of Alliance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, called the roll:

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

Absent: Councilman Behal

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen
Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator
Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, read the Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by specifying time, date, location, and to the extent known, 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 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 in the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

There were none.

AGENDA SESSION (DISCUSSION ONLY – NO VOTES)

There were none.

REPORTS

Brad Cohen, Mayor: Mayor Cohen thanked the Recreation and Parks and Community Services Department for the celebration of Ramadan. He further discussed the New Resident event held at the Community Arts Center on Thursday, April 7, 2022. The PBA was also acknowledged and thanked for the successful Easter Egg Hunt event. The kite flying event, sponsored by the Recreation and Parks and Community Services Department and the Arts Commission on Saturday, April 9, 2022, was a success and will be incorporated as an annual event going forward.

Mayor Cohen wished the public a Happy Easter, a Happy Passover, and a Happy Ramadan for those who celebrate.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator: Mr. Criscuolo reported that there will be a detour off Main Street for the next few months to replace a water main line. This effort will connect the East Brunswick waterline to the border of the Township of Sayreville. The interconnection of waterlines between municipalities is a vital tool for the Township of East Brunswick, and its

neighboring communities to ensure the continuous supply of water to residents. Resolution # 17373, as listed on the Consent Agenda is a shared services agreement with the County of Middlesex and the City of New Brunswick concerning the Burnet Bridge Water Main Project. The essence of the agreement, and future agreements with neighboring municipalities, is to ensure the availability of water supply by allowing the neighboring municipality to sell water to an affected municipality.

The Township will undergo its annual hydrant flush towards the end of April through the month of May. This is an annual maintenance to ensure the hydrants remain in good working condition.

Mr. Criscuolo further elaborated on the detour off Main Street from the direction of Sayreville, where the water main is being replaced from the bridge in Sayreville to Old Bridge Turnpike. The detour is temporary until the Township gains access to the bridge. Once the waterline is connected, Middlesex County has committed to paving the road from the bridge in Sayreville to Old Stage Road.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney: Mr. Baker reported on Resolution #17373, a tri-party shared services agreement with the City of New Brunswick and the County of Middlesex concerning the Burnet Bridge Water Main Project. The agreement is a cost-effective mechanism to address the water issue. It is a better method compared to hiring a contractor. The shared services agreement permits the County to reconstruct the bridge and to install the water main line. The County will cover half of the aggregated expense. The other half will be split between the Township of East Brunswick and the City of New Brunswick.

Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk: Ms. Lawful had nothing new to report.

Dinesh Behal, Councilman: Councilman Behal was absent.

Kevin McEvoy, Councilman: Councilman McEvoy had nothing new to report.

Sharon Sullivan, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Sullivan reported that the Daisy Breakfast event, held on April 10, 2022, was a success. Residents had a great time, and funding was raised to support other good causes. On April 22, 2022, the Daisy Association will conduct a tricky tray raffle at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick. Residents were encouraged to attend.

Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Zimbicki reported that she attended the Annual Partner in Excellence Dinner on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at which the Partner in Excellence Awards were presented to educators recognized for their significant contributions to the Foundation's goal of supporting excellence in the Township of East Brunswick school districts. Dr. Trudy Atkins, Dr. Anna Braun, Lisa Citron, and David P. Lonski Esp., were recognized and awarded for their dedication and contribution to the school district. Dr. Scott Gottlieb and Sam Mattis were both inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Wendell opened the meeting to the public.

Joseph Schmidt – 26 Lois Avenue

Mr. Schmidt expressed his support for the Heavenly Farms, and his opposition for cutting trees in the area. He referenced an article concerning health officials and public trust. He stated that the public should not ignore scientific opinion. He further expressed interest in becoming a member of the Advisory Health Council.

Troy Bailey -16 Glenn Court

Mr. Bailey stated that the Camp Daisy event was a wonderful experience. He thanked the Council President for allowing the public to make comments for up to five minutes as per the East Brunswick code.

He expressed concerns about the ice-skating rink project. He stated that the project may not be profitable, and many residents are not aware. The project in East Brunswick does not provide as many amenities as the one in the Township of Woodbridge. He went on to compare the differences in amenities between by towns. He noted that he is not in opposition of the ice-skating rink.

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There being no further members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Wendell closed the public portion of the meeting.

*****CONSENT AGENDA*****

Resolution # 17363 through Resolution # 17373

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial items by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed, and voted on, following the approval of the remaining items listed on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

The following Resolutions were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and vote:

Resolution # 17363, Resolution # 17364, Resolution # 17366 and Resolution # 17373

The Resolutions from the Consent Agenda proceeded as listed below:

- Resolution # 17365 Resolution Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Liens Redemptions
- Resolution # 17367 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick Accepting and Adopting the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund's 2022 Safety Incentive Program
- Resolution #17368 Resolution Appointing Councilwoman Dana Zimbicki to the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2022
- Resolution # 17369 Resolution from the Township of East Brunswick Rejecting All Bids Submitted for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Community Services Day Camp and Daisy Recreation Busing Program
- Resolution # 17370 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey Requesting Permission for a Dedication by Rider for Donations to the Township of East Brunswick Mayor's Charity Fund Required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29
- Resolution # 17371 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey Requesting Permission for a Dedication by Rider for Donations to the Township of East Brunswick Tree Trust Required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29
- Resolution # 17372 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey Requesting Permission for a Dedication by Rider for Donations to the Township of East Brunswick Veteran's Monument Required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

*****CONSENT AGENDA VOTE*****

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to adopt the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the following resolutions: 17363, 17364, 17366, 17368 and 17373. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | X | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | X | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

Resolution # 17363 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of East Brunswick and the East Brunswick Board of Education

Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the resolution. Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the resolution:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | X | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | | X | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Resolution # 17364 Resolution Authorizing Starfire Corporation to Hold Fireworks Display for a Private Event at the Middlesex County Fairground

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Zimbicki.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the resolution:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | | | | X | | |
| Sullivan | X | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | X | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Resolution # 17366 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Department of Recreation & Parks and RecTrac, LLC, D/B/A Vermont Systems (VS) for the Addition of Payment Services

Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the resolution. In his explanation, he stated that Vermont Systems will be a third-party credit card processing company for the Parks & Recreation. Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Zimbicki.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the resolution:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | X | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | X | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Resolution # 17373 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of New Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, Regarding the Burnet Street Bridge Water Main Project

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the resolution:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | X | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | | X | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Approval of Raffle License RA2520 and RA2521 – 4-H Leaders Middlesex County Association, Inc. – August 7, 2022

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Zimbicki.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the approval of the raffle licenses:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | X | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | X | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPARATELY

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2022

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the March 28, 2022, Minutes, seconded by Councilman McEvoy.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the approval of the Minutes:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | | X | X | | | |
| Sullivan | X | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Approval of Bills List (approval of bills owed by Township to various individuals, companies and accounts).

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.

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the bill list, seconded by Councilwoman Zimbicki.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the Bill List.

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | X | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | X | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

*****ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION*****

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 22-10: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206, VEHICLES ABANDONED, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on April 25, 2022, at the Municipal Building, located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion. Mr. Criscuolo explained that the purpose of the ordinance is to amend the storage fee for impounded vehicles from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per day.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | | X | X | | | |
| Sullivan | X | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 22-11: CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$975,000.00 THEREFOR

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on April 25, 2022, at the Municipal Building, located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion. Mr. Criscuolo stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to upgrade the traffic signal construction on Fern Road and Cranbury Road, as well as Riva Avenue and Hardenburg Lane.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | X | | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | | X | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

Council President Wendell read the following ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE 22-12: CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$475,575.00 THEREFOR

Councilwoman Zimbicki moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on April 25, 2022, at the Municipal Building, located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Criscuolo explained that the Township received a grant in the total amount of \$475,575.00 from the Department of Transportation (DOT) TIFF. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Ordinance # 21-28 to include the grant.

Council President Wendell requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance:

| RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE: | | | | | | |
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| Council Members | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Behal | | | | | | X |
| McEvoy | | | X | | | |
| Sullivan | | X | X | | | |
| Zimbicki | X | | X | | | |
| Wendell | | | X | | | |

NEW BUSINESS

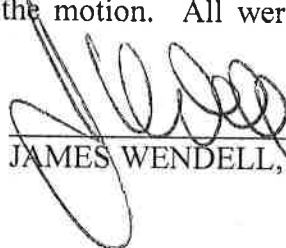
There was none.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

There was none.


ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to conduct, Councilman McEvoy moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



 JAMES WENDELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



 TAMAR LAWFUL, MUNICIPAL CLERK