

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 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 Vice President McEvoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Governing Body and its audience proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, called the roll:

Present: Councilman Behal
Councilman McEvoy
Councilwoman Sullivan
Councilwoman Zimbicki

Absent: James Wendell

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 into the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # 17530 Resolution Adopting Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2022

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of Resolution #17530, seconded by Councilwoman Zimbicki. With no recommended changes to the meeting Minutes, Council Vice President McEvoy requested a roll call vote:

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the resolution adopting the meeting Minutes was approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation Recognizing Hadassah – The Women’s Zionist Organization of America
Councilwoman Zimbicki presented the Organization with the Proclamation.

2. Proclamation Recognizing New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs Membership Week from November 14, 2022, through November 20, 2022
Councilwoman Sullivan presented the Club with the Proclamation.
3. Proclamation Recognizing November 26, 2022, as Small Business Saturday
Council Vice President Kevin McEvoy presented the Proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEM

There were none.

AGENDA SESSION (DISCUSSION ONLY- NO VOTE)

There were none.

**ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING AND
*** PUBLIC HEARING *****

There were none.

REPORTS

Brad Cohen, Mayor: The Mayor congratulated everyone on the dais and Councilwoman Elect Winston for their victory this past week. He thanked everyone who was involved with the Mayor Cohen's Charity Gala.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator: Resolution 17532 is a yearly resolution with the State. Resolution 17531 is the 4th Quarter Budget Transfer, it's a normal housekeeping resolution. When there is an emergency the department head sends a letter to me and I certify said emergency. This will be added to the agenda and voted on. Thanked everyone involved with the water main break.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney: Mr. Baker had nothing new to report.

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

James Wendell, Council President: Absent

Dinesh Behal, Councilman: Councilman Behal had nothing new to report.

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

Sharon Sullivan, Councilwoman: Spoke about the Mayors Charity fund and how it has helped people in the community.

Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Zimbicki, had nothing new to report.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Township Clerk read the following:

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT AND TIME LIMIT

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Council's attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(a) and the East Brunswick Rules of Council, the Council asks the public to limit their comments to **five (5) minutes or less**. The public may use this opportunity to question any item listed on the Consent Agenda, and request that such item be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. Only one member of the public should approach to speak to council at a time. The Council will respect the public's time by refraining from any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question-and-answer session. At the conclusion of the statements or questions from a member of the

public, the Council President, at his or her discretion, may choose to respond, or not respond, or to ask the Administration to respond.

If the questions require more detailed responses, the Council President or Administration may ask the member of the public to make an appointment with the appropriate township official during regular business hours. The Township Clerk will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting.

Council Vice President McEvoy opened the meeting to the public.

Peter Dematti – 177 Wycoff Way West
Spoke about issues with the mailboxes at the Club.

Diane Spino – 153 Wycoff Way West
Spoke about dryer vent cleaning on the units.

Joel Kirsch – 313 Wycoff Way West
Spoke about the conditions on Evergreen Road.

Lydia Rodriguez – 85 Whitehead Lane
Spoke about noise and traffic on Cranbury Road.

Mayor Brad Cohen will speak to representatives regarding the mailboxes at The Club, the Fire Department regarding the dryer events, Planning & Engineering regarding the roads and discussed how Cranbury Road is a county road and will try to work with the County on lowering speed limits.

Joseph Criscuolo – Will forward the President of the Club’s information to Bonnie Watson Coleman’s office regarding the mailboxes at the Club.

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

RESOLUTION(S) [Requiring a separate vote]

Resolution # 17531 Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfer in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 [No less than 2/3 vote of full membership required]

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of Resolution #17531, seconded by Councilman Behal.

Council Vice President McEvoy requested a roll call vote:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 17532 through Resolution # 17540

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial items by the Township Council and will be enacted upon 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.

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- Resolution # 17532 Resolution Concurring with the Best Practices Questionnaire Response for Calendar Year 2022
 - Resolution # 17533 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Escrow Fee for Permit to Install Siding
 - Resolution # 17534 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Property Taxes for the Year 2022, and the Preliminary 2023 Billing, for Block 177, Lot 28, for Receiving a 100% Permanent Disabled Veteran
 - Resolution # 17535 Exemption Resolution Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Lien Redemptions
 - Resolution # 17536 Resolution Approving Stop Loss Proposal with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for the Year 2023
 - Resolution # 17537 Resolution In Support of Vision Zero
 - Resolution # 17538 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to CME Associates for the Tices Lane Booster Pump Station Generator and Electrical Upgrades Design in the Amount of \$99,260.00
 - Resolution # 17539 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract Between CME Associates and the Township of East Brunswick for the Construction of Phase Services of the NJ Route 18 Water Main Replacement Project in the Amount of \$696,404.40
 - Resolution # 17540 Resolution to Approve the Bill List
 - Resolution # 17541 Resolution authorizing an Emergency Contract with Earle Asphalt Company, LLC as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 to repair a Water Main Break on Ryders Lane, New Brunswick in the amount to exceed \$150,000.00

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CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Councilman Behal moved the adoption of the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda, Resolution # 17532 through Resolution # 17540, and Adding Resolution # 17541. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion.

Council Vice President McEvoy requested a roll call vote on the Consent Agenda:

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda were approved.

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

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

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-35 FIXING THE GRADES, CLASSIFICATIONS IN GRADES, AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK COVERING THE UNITED SERVICES WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 255 (IUJAT)

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-21 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-36 FIXING THE GRADES, CLASSIFICATIONS IN GRADE AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK COVERING THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (PMA) EXECUTIVE STAFF AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-22 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE # 22-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-05 FIXING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY PART TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2023

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-23 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title

ORDINANCE # 22-24

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,200,000.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,090,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES ON THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-24 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title

ORDINANCE # 22-25

CAPITAL ORDINANCE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,607,500.00 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2023

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-25 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title

ORDINANCE # 22-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 209, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 209-52, SCHEDULE XIII: STOP INTERSECTIONS, TO ADD A STOP SIGN ON PEARL ROAD AND PEGGY ROAD

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-26 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title

ORDINANCE # 22-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK ADDING CHAPTER 101, FILMING AGREEMENTS TO THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

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

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

Councilwoman Sullivan asked what a Filming agreement was and Attorney Michael Baker explained the agreements.

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-27 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title

ORDINANCE # 22-28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION 118.1, SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR MAYOR SERVICES, 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 November 28, 2022, at the Municipal Building/Court Room, Located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

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

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

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, Ordinance # 22-28 was approved on the first reading.

Council Vice President McEvoy read the following ordinance by title

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Councilwoman Sullivan wanted to remind everyone of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Council Vice President McEvoy wanted to thank and recognize the following for their work on the water main break:

- Water and Sewer Utility
- Planning & Engineering Department
- Emergency Management Director, John Kosik
- Earle Construction Company
- Fire Districts 1, 2 & 3
- All Volunteer Fire Fighters
- Business Administrator, Joseph Criscuolo
- Neighboring Township Fire Companies that provided Tanker Trucks of Water
- Mr. Keith Kipp, Director, Planning & Engineering
- Mr. Dan Losik, Director, DPW & Water an Sewer
- Mr. George Smith and Mr. Henry Mertens, Water & Sewer Department
- Mr. Joe Blackmire, Water & Sewer Department
- Mr. Michael Dixon, Planning & Engineering
- Fire Chief, Ron Summers – District 1
- Fire Chief, Mike Rosa – District 2
- Fire Chief, Mike Sliter – District 3

Middlesex County Volunteer Association
Mayor Brad Cohen
East Brunswick Police Supervisors
New Brunswick Police Department
East Brunswick Police Chief, Frank LoSacco
East Brunswick Public Press Information Officer Lieutenant Jason Fama

CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to conduct, Councilwoman Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



JAMES WENDELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



LOREN MORACE, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

