

**MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MAY 3, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via electronic communication.

Council President Pedroso read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF NEW JERSEY, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED ON JANUARY 5, 2021, WITH A SUBSEQUENT MEETING NOTICED ON APRIL 27, 2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. AS AMENDED TO PERMIT PUBLIC BODIES AS THEREIN DEFINED TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION OR OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND WITH WRITTEN NOTICE AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE COURIER NEWS AND THE STAR LEDGER POSTING ON THE WEBSITE AND THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FILING WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Councilman Michael Kirsh
Councilman Howard V. Norgalis
Councilman Timothy Ring
Council Vice President Allen Kurdyla
Council President Filipe Pedroso

Also Present: Matthew C. Moench, Mayor
 Michael Pappas, Township Administrator
 Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator
 Christopher Corsini, Township Attorney
 Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
 Grace Njuguna, Deputy Township Clerk

Council President Pedroso led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

APRIL 19, 2021 - REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the April 19, 2021 regular session minutes were moved for approval and passed unanimously on a voice call vote.

Council Reports

Councilman Ring:

- This Saturday is the first of three consecutive Saturdays for bulky trash drop off at Polhemus Lane. Residents are encouraged to visit the

Township website for additional information.

- Was fortunate to participate in the tree dedication ceremony to honor all Bridgewater residents and families that were impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.
- Governor Murphy has recently lifted several restrictions as far as indoor gatherings. Councilman Ring stated he is glad things are slowly returning to normal.
- Best wishes to the Somerset Patriots as they begin a new era as Yankees' Double-A affiliate.

Councilman Kirsh

- Planning Board met a week ago and completed a case known as RECA 360 Milltown Investment LLC. This is a building that is across the street from the County Park on Milltown Road. It is for a new scientific use which is a new use for a previously used property. The second case was a proposal for a dentist office on Route 22.
- The Census has been completed. NJ is home to 9,294,493. It is not yet known how many of those live in Bridgewater as town specific information will be coming up in a few weeks.
- In conjunction with Bridgewater United Soccer, our township is doing a food drive between May 12th and May 16th. Anyone interested in participating was asked to bring donated food and other household goods to the municipal building. A tent will be set up by the police building between May 12th and May 16th. On May 17th, these items will be transported to the Food Bank network of Somerset County located near the UPS facility in Bridgewater.
- Also attended the Tree Dedication ceremony.
- The Vote by mail box outside the municipal building is now open for those wishing to vote by mail in the June Primary. Ballots are out for those that are on a permanent list. In person voting is predicted to be the most common route that most people will utilize on June 8th.
- Fire Districts' elections were held and all budgets approved.
- Attended a meeting with local religious leaders held by our Police Chief

- Unfortunately, two weeks ago, Steve Kalafer of the Somerset Patriots passed away after a brief illness. His legacy will continue especially as the patriots will open their season tomorrow as Yankees' Double-A affiliate

Councilman Norgalis:

- A sad passing - Michael Pappas' mother passed away. I am sure that I speak for all of us in wishing Michael and his family peace and hope they can reflect and enjoy many good memories over the years.
- Another sad passing. The newspaper headline read "Patriots owner, philanthropist Steve Kalafer dead at 71". Steve Kalafer leaves a legacy of business acumen and social support that is probably unparalleled in Somerset County. His civic donations, especially to the RWJ Somerset Hospital, are legend. His hallmark statement "there is always a sale at Flemington Car and Truck County" always brought a chuckle from his audience. He will be missed.
- Earth Day which was celebrated on April 22nd is the day designated for fostering appreciation of the earth's environment and awareness of the issues that threaten it. Actually, Earth Day is one of two days, depending on when you choose to observe it. Some people celebrate Earth Day on the first day of spring, which is the vernal equinox that occurs on or around March 21st.
- On April 24th a tree, donated by tree activist Barbara Ronka, was dedicated to commemorate those Bridgewater residents and families that were impacted by the COVID pandemic. It is planted by the entrance to Kids Street.
- On April 26th Councilman Norgalis was one of about 80 people who are being interviewed to provide input and suggestions on a new campaign by RWJ Somerset Hospital to raise \$25 million in support of an expansion.
- Took part in the review of the underwriter's letter for the bond rate review.
- He attended the Hindu Temple kickoff of their COVID vaccine program which was open to the public for both reservations and walk-ins. I arrived early and was given a tour by Community Affairs Committee Chair Mr. Niren Chaudhary. The Temple, located on Routes 202/206, is officially called the "Hindu Temple and Cultural Society (HTCS) of New Jersey (also known as Balaji Temple). They completed their first COVID vaccination camp with the collaboration of Indian Health Camp of New Jersey (IHCNJ)

and Bayshore Homecare Pharmacy. They were well staffed and scrupulously followed all CDC COVID guidelines. To quote the Temple representatives, “We feel proud to play a small part in eradicating the COVID pandemic through the vaccine program and to move our neighbors and our community one step closer to normalcy.”

Councilman Kurdyla:

- It was his pleasure to attend the COVID tree planting/dedication.
- Thanked everyone that participated in the Fire Districts’ elections.

Council President Pedroso

- Attended the COVID-19 tree planting that honored those from our community that have been impacted by the pandemic.
- Also attended the Hindu Temple’s Covid-19 vaccine kickoff and thanked Mr. Chaudhary for his hospitality as he gave him a tour of their facility. Council President Pedroso advised the Hindu temple has a large community and its building holds several halls that are available to rent by anyone in the community without need to be a member or to be affiliated with the Temple.
- Passed his condolences to the staff that has lost family members including Michael Pappas, Township Administrator who lost his mother and Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator whose father passed on. Also passed his condolences to Steve Kalafer’s family for their loss.

Mayor’s Reports

Mayor Matthew C. Moench

- Passed his condolences to the family of Steve Kalafer noting his contributions to the community and hoped his family can continue his legacy. Mayor Moench explained that as a community, the hotel occupancy tax that used to be of great benefit took a major hit with the pandemic and hoped that the recent affiliation between the Yankees and Somerset Patriots will assist in that regard through tourism. Mr. Kalafer will be missed for all he did for our community.
- Passed his condolences to the staff that has recently lost their family members.
- We had the COVID 19 memorial tree dedication. Thanked Barbara Ronka not only for the tree donation that has allowed us to create a tree memorial but also for all she does for our community. Mayor Moench added it is important to reflect on the impact the pandemic has had on our community and how we have shown resilience.

- The County receives about 700-doses of the vaccines per week. We will continue to advocate that Bridgewater is willing to host a vaccine clinic.
- On May 8th between 9am and 12noon, for a minimal fee, there is a well water testing kit available for pick up for those residents with well water.

Presentation GIRL SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION BY TROOP 60782

Sarah DeJesus and Naomi Afonso were present and stated they are the leaders of Girls Scout Troop #6078. Scouts Gabbie, Mikaela, Sophie, Juliana, Julia, Anabella were present. They discussed their Take Action Project - Pavement Obstacle Course adding it is their intent to address an issue that they felt will bring the community together. This project involves beautifying Chimney Rock Park with a mural with professional guidance by local artist and art teacher Stephanie Moench.

The Mayor and Council congratulated and thanked the girl scouts for the presentation and initiative and for providing a great service to the community.

Proclamation ARBOR DAY

Matthew C. Moench, Mayor read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, inspire environmental respect and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of the

Township of Bridgewater, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Township of Bridgewater, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our tree canopy and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**Public
Comment**

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed to provide public input via electronic transmission with all comments to be read into the record, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator advised the public the various ways they can participate as follows:

- ⇒ Link for Public Comment Submission:
<https://bridgewaterocr.typeform.com/to/Hi2WaldE>
- ⇒ Use raise hand feature to give audio comments
- ⇒ Use Q&A feature for written comments
- ⇒ Text 908-912-4247 for written comments

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

There was a four (4) minute recess to allow the public additional time to submit public comment via the link/portal provided.

Following recess, on the call of the roll by Township Clerk Doyle, the following Council members were present:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

Wells Winegar, Deputy Township Administrator read the following resident comments into the record verbatim:

Joe Gorski, 144 Chestnut Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

NJ Transit uses Chestnut St as an exit from their property. The problem is the trucks carry heavy equipment and loaded with railroad ties. I even saw a tanker truck on the road coming from their site. I do not think Chestnut St was constructed for this kind of weight. Can anything be done about this?

Nancy Dolgos, 235 Leeham Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Would it be possible to issue the results of each question of the meeting(s)?

Barbara Ronca, 115 Timothy Place, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

I would like to thank the mayor, the constituent office and the council for memorializing the Bridgewater Covid 19 victims and their families at a tree dedication on Saturday, April 24th. We are a large town with a large number of CoVid deaths (104+) but we as a township have a large heart. May we never forget this moment in time and may we all be stronger because of it.

Saad Toor, 102 Finderne Ave, APT C1, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Regarding Resolution 13F: Why do we need more planning resources? How do you get on such a list? Were they bid? If so, were they low bidder? What is the allowable connection between vendors selected and campaign contributions?

Jennifer Feigley, 1600 Vosseller Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

In regards to resolution 13, subsections J&K: 1. If the contract terms began Jan 1, 2021 why are we addressing this now? 2. What is the fair and open process - does it require bidding; does it require selection of the lowest bidder? How were these firms selected? How does the use of Fair and Open Process (As defined by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20) effect the winner's ability to contribute to local campaigns?

Jill Gladstone, 25 Linvale Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Good Evening. My name is Jill Gladstone. My comments are is made in my capacity as a private citizen and not in my capacity as a member of the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District Board of Education. Regarding Resolution 13a regarding the additional emergency appropriation of 54.8% of the current budget. Why is the budget so late? OF Councilmen Pedroso and Norgalis are on the Budget committee, why hasn't there been a report? Why no public input other than this meeting when talking about so much money? Also, Resolution 13d. The township debt is exploding! Does this resolution in anyway increase the amount of debt already on the books? What is the cost of refinancing in terms of fees? Who gets the fees? Did they bid for this and were they low bidder? If not low bidder, how were they selected? Thank you for your time.

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the public comment portion was closed.

Public
Hearing &
Final Action
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126-235 (MINOR SUBDIVISION), CHAPTER 126-236 (PRELIMINARY MAJOR SUBDIVISION), CHAPTER 126-327 (FINAL MAJOR SUBDIVISION) AND CHAPTER 126-153 (SITE PLANS) UPDATING THE ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS AND THE CHECKLISTS TO REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN FINAL ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS WITH LAND USE APPLICATIONS TO INCLUDE: DOCUMENTS REQUIRING CHAIR, SECRETARY OR ENGINEER SIGNATURE, FILED DEEDS AND PLANS, PUBLIC HEARING DOCUMENTS AND CHECK LISTS

Township Administrator Pappas stated this for administrative purposes noting there are numerous documents required as part of the planning application process which need to be recorded and maintained. The proposed checklist will require the applicant to provide an electronic copy of their application and supporting documentation in order to assist us in maintaining these records efficiently and at a low cost.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

[ORDINANCE #21-10 WAS ADOPTED.](#)

A copy of resolution **[#21-05-03-118](#)** is appended to the official minutes

Introduction
of
Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE), PART 11 (SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS), ARTICLE XXXVIA ENTITLED "REMOVAL AND PRESERVATION OF TREES," SECTIONS 126-278.1 THROUGH 126-278.12 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING THE DEFINITION SECTION, DELINEATING ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS, SETTING FORTH THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT, DELINEATING THE CRITERIA FOR TREE REMOVAL AND SETTING FORTH THE TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION FEES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

These was removed from the agenda as the Council needs additional time to iron out some details.

Resolutions

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE CURRENT FUND OF \$ 273,000.00 BRINGING THE 2021 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION TO \$23,733,930.29 WHICH IS 54.8% OF THE 2020 BUDGET

Township Administrator Pappas explained this resolution is required as the township has yet to finalize the 2021 budget. The reason this is taking longer than is customary is we are waiting for funding which we have been told we will be getting from the State and Federal government. The Department of Community Affairs has been silent on providing guidance to municipalities in this regard. The funding that we are to receive is over \$40M but the requirement is that half will be made available this year and the remainder will be for 2022. We are looking forward to some guidance that will allow administration to work and finalize the budget.

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-119](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$100,000 WITH A 5% CASH MATCH OF THE TOTAL PROJECT AWARD

Township Administrator Pappas explained this grant application is for improvements to Kid Street in order to keep it safe.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-120](#) is appended to the official minutes

ADOPTING AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT® AS PART OF THE 2021 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR PUBLIC DONATIONS FOR SAME (PENDING APPROVAL OF THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES)

Township Administrator Pappas stated this proposal will allow us to commit on a non-binding basis to the construction and launch of the outdoor Fitness Court. Christopher M. Corsini, Esq., Township Attorney and Rachel Barrett, Superintendent of Recreation also spoke in support of this endeavor.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-121](#) is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, MATURITIES AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,500,000 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND WHEREAS THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES FOUR AFFIRMATIVE COUNCIL VOTES

Mayor Moench stated this is not new debt but rather a rebonding of existing debt. Bond Counsel John Draikowitz and the township's underwriter Urvirso were present and discussed this in greater detail.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-122](#) is appended to the official minutes

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-05-07-130 OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, AS APPROVED ON MAY 7, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED ENGINEERS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, TO INCLUDE FIXED CONTRACT TERMS

Mayor Moench explained on May 7, 2020, the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater approved Resolution No. 20-05-07-130 qualifying certain professional engineering firms for engagement by the Township's Department of Municipal Services for various projects. This resolution will allow us to set a fixed end date for contracts awarded.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR VARIOUS OPEN-ENDED PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 2021

Michael Pappas, Township Administrator stated this resolution will allow us to have a list of consultants who meet the selection criteria articulated in the RFQ.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#21-05-03-123 through #21-05-03-124](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON of 1985 CEDAR BRIDGE AVENUE, SUITE E, LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701 TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES AND TO CONDUCT AN APPRAISAL AND ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN SEWER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR A ONE YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2021 IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 FUNDING \$30,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT 07-2021-1549-0549-2-00028, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND THE TOTAL OF \$90,000 FROM \$67,500.00 ACCOUNT 01-2021-1100-0131-2-00028 AND \$22,500.00 ACCOUNT 07-2021-1549-0549-2-00028, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mayor Moench explained we were unable to secure a CFO and therefore need to secure a contractor to perform CFO services. In the long run, this is the right practical move at this time.

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-125](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROUND HILL RISK PARTNERS, LLC OF 788 MORRIS TURNPIKE, SUITE 101, SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S RISK MANAGER FOR HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS AS DEFINED BY N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORTH AMERICAN INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (NAIM) OF 1460 ROUTE 9 NORTH, SUITE 310, WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07095 TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S RISK MANAGER FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS AS DEFINED BY N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7

Mayor Moench explained these are the same firms that currently help us manage both risk for health insurance services and property and casualty services. They have been doing a good job so far and have been recommended to continue in the same capacity.

On motion of Councilman Kirsh, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#21-05-03-126 through #21-05-03-127](#) are appended to the official minutes

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2021-1 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ENTIRE LENGTHS OF FIELD STREET, GRAND BOULEVARD, MANVILLE BOULEVARD, RIHA STREET, AND WOODROW AVENUE TO PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC. (24 COMMERCE STREET, SUITE 300, NEWARK, NJ 07102) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,600.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2019 CAPITAL BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2021-2 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF BRAHMA AVENUE, KILLARNEY STREET, AND POPLAR STREET TO MCMAHON ASSOCIATES, INC. (4573 SOUTH BROAD STREET, SUITE 200, YARDVILLE, NJ 08620) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,770.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2019 CAPITAL BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2021-3 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF BURNING BUSH ROAD, CAMELOT DRIVE, FALCON COURT, MOUNTAINVIEW AVENUE, RED LION WAY, ST. GEORGE ROAD, AND VICTOR STREET (MOUNTAINVIEW AVENUE TO BYRD AVENUE) TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN (DBA MASER CONSULTING) (53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 110, HAMPTON, NJ 08827) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,800.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2019 CAPITAL BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2021-4 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CAMBRIDGE LANE, MARK DRIVE, MUIRFIELD LANE, AND TOK PLACE TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS II, INC., (232 KINGS HIGHWAY EAST, HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,965.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2020 CAPITAL BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2021-5 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ENTIRE LENGTHS OF CRICKET LANE, MALLARD DRIVE, MASTAPETER ROAD, AND NORTH GASTON AVENUE (ROUTE 22 WEST TO SOMERVILLE ROAD) TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC (755 MEMORIAL PARKWAY, SUITE 110, PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,289.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2018 CAPITAL BOND

PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR 2021-6 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ENTIRE LENGTHS OF AMUR ROAD, CEDARCREST ROAD, DIAMOND PLACE, OPAL WAY, AND REDWOOD ROAD TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. (301 GILBRALTAR DRIVE, SUITE 2A, MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,650.00, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2020 CAPITAL BOND

Mayor Moench explained these resolutions are the next step to improve our infrastructure/road plan previously approved by the Council. The roads were broken down into six (6) sections with the goal to have one engineer and contractor for each section for efficiency and cost savings.

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolutions were proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Copies of resolution [#21-05-03-128 through #21-05-03-133](#) are appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,820.00, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,228.00 SURETY MAINTENANCE BOND FOR ACS BRIDGEWATER, LLC, 1125 US ROUTE 22, BRIDGEWATER, NJ - BLOCK 559, LOTS 3

Township Administrator Pappas stated the on-site improvements have been completed, this resolution will allow for the release of the performance guarantee and acceptance of the improvements.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-134](#) is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM ON FRIDAY, JULY 9 (RAIN DATE 7-22), THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 (RAIN DATE 8-6), THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 (RAIN DATE 9-9)

Township Administrator Pappas stated these are additional dates that Somerset Patriots had inadvertently omitted from their recent request that Council approved that listed dates throughout the year.

On motion of Councilman Ring, seconded by Councilman Kirsh, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kirsh	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Ring	Aye
Council President Pedroso	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#21-05-03-135](#) is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Ring, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Filipe Pedroso
Council President