

Appendix 2: Resolution to Create the Plan Endorsement Citizens' Advisory Committee (PEAC)

Township Council Meeting Minutes November 1, 2007

Public Meeting Notice Ad, March 29, 2008 and Township Council Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2008

RESOLUTION

FORMATION OF A MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO GUIDE THE JOINT SUBMISSION WITH THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP OF AN APPLICATION FOR PLAN ENDORSEMENT TO NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH

WHEREAS, plan endorsement encourages municipalities to engage in cooperative regional planning, it ensures that municipal, county, regional and state agency plans are consistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and with each other, and entitles municipalities and counties to a higher priority for available funding, streamlined permit reviews and coordinated state agency services; and

WHEREAS, plan endorsement will become mandatory for all New Jersey municipalities in 2008 that are pursuing Round 3 Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) certification and only municipalities with endorsed plans will be entitled to the various benefits of endorsement and qualify for said Round 3 COAH certification; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous benefits, including a streamlined application process, in submitting a joint application for plan endorsement for the Regional Center together with the Boroughs of Somerville and Raritan and Bridgewater Township, and in designating the Regional Center Partnership to lead the endorsement process; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2006 the Township of Bridgewater by Resolution No. 06-12-18-388 (*copy attached*) designated the Regional Center Partnership to lead the endorsement process for the joint application for plan endorsement and authorized the Regional Center Partnership to request a pre-petition meeting with the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Center Partnership and representatives of the municipalities had a pre-petition meeting with the Office of Smart Growth on July 12, 2007 as the first step towards achieving plan endorsement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Smart Growth outlined the remaining steps based on currently proposed plan endorsement procedures for the Regional Center and the municipalities to achieve plan endorsement; and

WHEREAS, one of the outlined requirements is to create an Advisory Committee to guide the plan endorsement process and act as a liaison with the state, county, regional agencies and local officials throughout the process to ensure open and clear dialogue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OSG requirements, the Mayor of the Township of Bridgewater at a public meeting shall appoint an Advisory Committee consisting of between five (5) and nine (9) people including:

- a representative of the governing body;
- at least one (1) Class 4 Member of the planning board;
- a member of another local board, commission or committee (such as a representative from the budget committee, the board of education, the sewage authority, the environmental and historic preservation commissions,); and
- at least two (2) members of the public (representing diverse interests, such as social, economic, housing, environmental, or agricultural interests); and

WHEREAS, to enhance communication and facilitate the joint endorsement application process, three (3) appointees of each municipal Advisory Committee shall include current members of the Regional Center Partnership who shall convey the comments, issues and recommendations important to the Township of Bridgewater to the Regional Center Partnership throughout the endorsement process; and

WHEREAS, if at anytime during the plan endorsement process the rules requiring participation in the regional center become detrimental to Bridgewater Township's interests Bridgewater will reserve the right to rescind all prior approvals and exit as a member of the regional center partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bridgewater shall create an Advisory Committee comprised of between five (5) to nine (9) people representing or affiliated with the interests noted above to guide the joint submission with the Regional Center Partnership of an application for plan endorsement to the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth.

Introduced	Seconded	Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
✓		Hsing	✓			
		Kurdyla	✓			
		Norgalis	✓			
	✓	Scaglione	✓			
		Albano				✓

Adopted: November 1, 2007

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 2007 **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Annex, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Acting Council President Norgalis 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, by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Reporter; posting on the Township website and posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk.

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

Michael P. Hsing
Allen Kurdyla
Howard V. Norgalis
Patrick Scaglione
Robert E. Albano (Absent)

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
William Savo, Township Attorney
Robert Bogart, Director of Municipal Services
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk

Acting Council President Norgalis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for Approval On the motion of Councilman Hsing, second of Councilman Scaglione, the regular session meeting minutes of October 15, 2007, was approved.

The closed session meeting minutes of October 15, 2007, was approved.

Council Reports Councilman Norgalis reported he attended a breakfast seminar at the law firm of, DiFrancesco, Batemen in Warren. He added the presentation was on Township Insurance programs and was very informative.

Discussion Acting Council President Norgalis introduced Ellen Teller, of 979 Severin Road, who spoke on behalf of the Bridgewater-Raritan Five Year Strategic Plan.
Ms. Teller explained she has canvassed the Bridgewater-Raritan School district seeking volunteers for various committees to help to coordinate the plan.

Councilman Kurdyla stated he would like to discuss with the other members the concept of initiating background checks on all volunteers including rescue and fire emergency services. He added Council passed an ordinance that provided this process for recreational volunteers. Council discussed this concept and were in consensus to have Mr. Savo research the legalities connected with enforcing this type of process for non-profit organizations and the costs incurred to run a background check.

Resolutions AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BRIDGEWATER MILLTOWN GROUP, LLC

Mr. Naples stated the developer's agreement sets the requirements and obligations as directed through the Planning Board to construct a 5,000 sq ft. building on Milltown Road.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Hsing, the resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Albano	Absent
Acting Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #07-11-01-259 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND DANIEL ZDROIK AND PATRICIA ZDROIK

Mr. Naples stated the developer's agreement sets the requirements and obligations as directed through the Planning Board for a minor subdivision with related C variances to allow a two-lot minor subdivision for Block 452, Lot 1, one of which fronts on Country Club Rd.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Hsing, the resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye

Council President Albano
Acting Council President Norgalis

Absent
Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #07-11-01-260 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, second of Councilman Hsing, Council was in agreement to vote on the following resolutions in consent.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: STARVIEW WAY RESURFACING

Mr. Bogart stated the project consists of milling the existing surface, installing a new surface course, and modernizing the storm sewer inlets. He recommended the project be awarded to S. Brothers Inc., in amount of \$78,969 as the lowest responsible bidder.

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2007 BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) - 2007 HIGHWAY SAFETY - \$19,000

Mr. Naples stated the sum of \$19,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2007 - Highway Safety "Other Expenses." and will be utilized for purchase of a portable electronic message board for the police department.

CANCELLATION OF CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCES

Mr. Naples explained the purpose of this action is to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Surplus and unused debt authorization may be cancelled.

WAIVER OF FEE – SPRING RUN CORPORATION

Mr. Naples and Council discussed the request from Spring Run Corporation for a waiver of fees in the amount of \$50 for the fire prevention permit in connection with its annual Halloween campfire held on October 27, at the lower field.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Hsing, the resolutions listed above on the agenda as 11c, 11d, 11e & 11f were approved by consent. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Albano	Absent
Acting Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.

Copies of resolutions #07-11-01-261 through #07-11-01-264 are appended to the official minutes.

FORMATION OF A MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PLAN ENDORSEMENT

Mr. Naples stated one of the outlined requirements of the Office of Smart Growth is to create an Advisory Committee to guide the plan endorsement process and act as a liaison with the state, county, regional agencies and local officials throughout the process to ensure open and clear dialogue.

On motion of Councilman Hsing, second by Councilman Scaglione, the resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Albano	Absent
Acting Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #07-11-01-265 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK FOR THE PROCESSING OF LEAVES COLLECTED BY BOUND BROOK (IN CONNECTION WITH ITS LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM) AT THE BRIDGEWATER YARD WASTE SITE

Mr. Naples and Council reviewed the Interlocal agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and Bridgewater Township to use the Township's yard waste facility in connection with leaf removal and for Bound Brook to compensate the Township for that usage.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Hsing, the resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Albano	Absent
Acting Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #07-11-01-266 is appended to the official minutes.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Hsing, second of Councilman Scaglione, the meeting was opened to the public.

No one wished to be heard. On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second of Councilman Hsing, the public portion was closed.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second of Councilman Hsing, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Acting Council President

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BOROUGH OF RARITAN

FORMATION OF PLAN
ENDORSEMENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE(S)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Bridgewater Township Council, Somerville Borough Council and Raritan Borough Council will each hold a public hearing on the below mentioned dates to receive comments on the formation of a Plan Endorsement Committee(s) to guide the Joint Submission for Plan Endorsement to the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth:

" Bridgewater Township Council
Meeting April 7, 2008

" Somerville Borough Council
Meeting, April 7, 2008

" Raritan Borough Council Meeting,
April 8, 2008

Each Municipality has passed a Resolution creating a Municipal Advisory Committee. The

Township of Bridgewater adopted Resolution 07-11-01-265 on November 1, 2007, the Borough of Somerville adopted Resolution 08-0122-027 on January 22, 2008 and the Borough of Raritan passed their resolution on December 11, 2007.

These Municipal Advisory
Committees are being created

pursuant to the State Planning Commission's regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:85

and the Plan Endorsement Guidelines approved by the State Planning Commission
October 17, 2007.

A copy of each municipality's

Resolution and list of members

recommended for appointment to their Plan Endorsement Citizens Committee(s) a

available for public inspection in the below listed municipal offices between the hours

9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. This notice is being provided pursuant

N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7 (d).

Township of Bridgewater

P.O. Box 6300

700 Garretson Rd.

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Borough of Raritan

Municipal Building

22 First St.

Raritan, NJ 08869

Borough of Somerville

Municipal Offices

PO Box 399

25 West End Ave

Somerville NJ 08876

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Norgalis read the following announcement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, and March 11, 2008, by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and The Reporter; posting on the Township website and posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk.

Robert E. Albano
Michael P. Hsing
Matthew C. Moench
Patrick Scaglione (arrived 7:30)
Howard V. Norgalis

Also Present: James T. Naples, Administrator
Robert Bogart, Director of Municipal Services
Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance
John Langel, Superintendent of Public Works
Scott T. Parente, Deputy Township Attorney
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Linda J. Doyle, Township Clerk
Hector A. Herrera, Deputy Township Clerk

Scott T. Parente provided legal counsel for the following three agenda items that were in conflict with the regular Township Attorneys of the law firm Mauro, Savo, Camerino & Grant.

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property. Mr. Naples stated Mr. Berlant said he would use the area of this property to support the floor area ratio on his adjacent property but would not build on the acquired plot. Mr. Naples stated he met with all adjacent property owners who all also displayed an interest in selling this parcel.

Mr. Parente added the Township is in a position to prepare a bid on this parcel to all adjacent property owners. He added it would be prudent to have the bidder bear the costs of a title search to ensure a clean deed. The adjacent owners would be afforded the first right of refusal. After that, the property would be awarded to the highest bidder.

Council was in consensus to have Administration prepare an ordinance for consideration.

Resolutions AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, INC.
FOR (2008) ROAD MATERIAL

Mr. Naples stated last year the Township obtained these materials as part of the Somerset County Co-op. He added the Township bid for its own materials this year and Stavola costs came in lower than the Somerset County Co-op.

Mr. Parente reviewed the resolution and award as to legal form.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Absent
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-101 is appended to the official minutes.

**AUTHORIZING CONSERVATION RESTRICTION/EASEMENT TO KIMCO
REALTY CORPORATION**

Mr. Parente explained this was property conveyed to the Township during the Bridgewater Promenade development. The resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign the Conservation Easement so it may be recorded properly with Somerset County.

On motion of Councilman Hsing, second by Councilman Albano, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Absent
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-102 is appended to the official minutes.

**Minutes for
Approval**

On the motion of Councilman Albano, second of Councilman Norgalis, the regular session minutes of March 17, 2008, were approved.

**Council
Reports**

Councilman Moench reported he attended the breakfast held at the Ventantonio & Wildenhain law firm. He added Senator Wisniewski spoke about transportation issues.

Councilman Moench reported he attended the Bridgewater-Raritan Board of Education meeting concerning a review on the school budget. He reminded the Council and the public the School Election will be held on April 15th.

Councilman Moench met with Mayor Flannery and Planning Board member Andy Levin to discuss COAH issues.

Councilman Moench reported he attended the Boy Scout Chili Lunch fundraiser at Blessed Sacrament Church. He added the Scout leader was appreciative and it was a fun event.

Councilman Moench reported he saw an editorial in the Courier News recognizing Bridgewater on its Pod ordinance. The article applauded the Township's position between putting restrictions on pod usage while not being over burdensome to homeowners.

Councilman Hsing reported the month of May is Asian American Heritage Month.

Council President Norgalis stated Kenny Lee has acknowledged receipt of the

proclamation.

Councilman Norgalis reported he, Mr. Naples and Mayor Flannery attended a Somerset County Open Space meeting concerning the Genati Farm.

Council President Norgalis reported he attended the Big Apple Circus on the last day of its performance in town.

Council President Norgalis reported he attended an upbeat meeting at the Green Brook Flood Control Meeting. He added Green Brook seems pleased with the progress of the NJ DOT and Army Corps of Engineers.

Council President Norgalis reported he also attended the Ventantonio & Wildenhain breakfast and that it was informative.

Council President Norgalis reported on the Bridgewater Baseball Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on Saturday, April 12 at the Prince Rodgers field.

**Mayor's
Report**

Mr. Naples reported Mayor Flannery had a meeting with Somerset County Attorney Tom Miller, Council President Norgalis and Bridgewater Township Open Space Committee Chairman Allen Kurdyla to discuss plans concerning the Genati Farm property.

Mr. Naples reported Mayor Flannery presided over the first 5K Run and Health Awareness Day at Prince Rodgers. He noted the winning female was a fifth-grade student at Eisenhower School and the Mayor's daughter was second.

**Municipal
Plan
Endorsement
Committee**

Council President Norgalis stated in accordance with the requirements set forth from the Office of Smart Growth, it is necessary for the names of the members appointed to Bridgewater Municipal Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee (PEAC) be read aloud at a public Council meeting and recorded as part of the official minutes.

The Clerk read the names of the following members:

Patricia Flannery, Mayor
Michael Hsing, Councilman
Scarlett Doyle, Township Planner
Andrew Leven
Walter Fitzsimmons
John Schmitt, Jr.
Pamela Ely

Council President Norgalis opened the floor for public comment on the formation of the Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee.

There was no public comment.

**Budget
Hearings**

Mr. Langel and Safety Coordinator Joanne Evancho gave Council a presentation on the 2008 Public Works Department budget. Mr. Langel discussed the 2008 objectives and reviewed the accomplishments in 2007 including operating efficiencies, operating expenses, building and grounds, snow removal, parks and field preparation; and the sewer utility operating account. Mr. Langel detailed 2008 projects that include various park and road improvement projects. Mr. Langel detailed the staffing levels and job functions within the department.

Mr. Langel updated Council on the current status of the Public Works Department and its temporary relocation to the E&B building site.

Councilman Scaglione arrived at 7:30 p.m.
William Savo arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Discussion

Mr. Bogart gave a brief summary on the non-profit sewerage study. He stated there does not appear to be any records related to non-profit applied charges. Mr. Bogart informed Council a questionnaire is being prepared to distribute to all non-profit agencies. The questionnaire will be mailed April 11th to those affected.

Mr. Bogart added he received additional information from David Stires, the attorney representing the owner of the property for the vacation of Ronson Road. He addressed the three issues on behalf of the corporation including a traffic signal constructed by DOT. Mr. Bogart stated there is nothing certain. Fire and Rescue have advised they have no input at this time. He also stated there is a possibility of using a portion of the vacated road as a turnaround.

Mr. Bogart advised the next step would be to prepare an ordinance for consideration.

**2008
Municipal
Budget**

Ms. Turchan detailed the proposed budget amendment and explained the impact in the reduction of State Aid on the budget previously introduced.

On motion of councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Albano the Budget Amendment was introduced. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

The Clerk read the 2008 Municipal Budget Clerk report.

The 2008 Municipal Budget was introduced on March 3, 2008

The Budget Synopsis was published in the official newspaper, the Courier News on March 14, 2008.

The public hearing for the 2008 Municipal Budget will be April 7, 2008, at 7:30 at the Municipal Court Annex.

The public hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget Amendment will be April 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipals Court Annex.

On motion of Councilman Albano, seconded by Councilman Scaglione, Council opened the public hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget.

No one wished to speak

On motion of Councilman Hsing, seconded by Councilman Albano, the public hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget was closed.

**Introduction
of
Ordinances**

The Clerk read the following ordinance by title:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 FOR VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 5th of May 2008, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Annex at 505 Route 202-206 South in said Township as the place for hearing and final action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 700 Garretson Road, a true

copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk forward the Supplemental Debt Statement received this date to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Naples stated these improvements are for various parks, including but not limited to Crim Park, and includes design and construction of Crim field.

Councilman Moench asked Mr. Turchan to provide more detail about the bonds and financing obligations.

Councilman Moench commented he would like to review this bonding project in more detail. He stated that he although feels recreation is a good worthy goal, he is reluctant to approve this ordinance at this time.

On motion of Councilman Hsing, second by Councilman Scaglione, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Nay
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-104 is appended to the official minutes.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$156,500 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$123,560 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 5th of May 2008, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day as the time and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Annex at 505 Route 202-206 South in said Township as the place for hearing and final action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 700 Garretson Road, a true

copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk forward the Supplemental Debt Statement received this date to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Naples stated the bond ordinance is two fold \$56,000 represented for purchase of Police handguns and an ultra sonic cleaner and \$100,000 for various computer equipment. He stated that in past years, the Township budgeted under cash capital. Changes in Budget Cap Law are causing municipalities to be punished for Cash Capital because it falls under the Cap and reduces operating expenses.

Councilman Moench questioned the rational for bonding computer equipment for five years.

Ms. Turchan explained the State determined the equipment to have a useful life expectancy to be bonded.

Councilman Hsing questioned whether the Township has bonded computer equipment in the past. He stated that he believes, based on his expertise, the value of the computer equipment will go down within three years. Councilman Hsing stated it was not prudent to bond for this equipment.

Council further discussed the use of bonding this equipment at length.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Scaglione, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Nay
Councilman Moench	Nay
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-105 is appended to the official minutes.

Resolutions **AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE YEAR 2008 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT UPDATE**

Mr. Naples explained the County of Somerset has prepared a contract which would provide \$41,312 to the Township of Bridgewater in 2008. This would be for the provision of Municipal Alliance activities for the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse. The Township would provide 75% match of \$30,984 of in-kind services and a 25% cash match of \$10,328. This will be raised by the Municipal Alliance Committee or provided by the municipality.

Councilman Moench stated his sister is Chair for the Municipal Alliance Committee and he chose to abstain from the vote.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Scaglione, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Abstain
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-106 is appended to the official minutes.

APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A
SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY

Mr. Naples stated this funding is provided by the State of New Jersey for the Safe and Secure Community Grant. The grant originally established two police officers positions at \$60,000. He informed Council the amount has been reduced to \$57+ this year but is still a benefit for the Township.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Scaglione, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-107 is appended to the official minutes.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2008 SAFE ROUTES
TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Mr. Naples stated this is the Township's second application for funding through this program. He added State's funds are limited but the Township has revised its application request to apply for a walking path at Adamsville School. If accepted, grant funds will affect 27 students currently bussed under the hazardous busing program to school and save \$40,000 in expenses for bussing.

On motion of Councilman Moench, second by Councilman Hsing, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-108 is appended to the official minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER / QUALIFIED
PURCHASING AGENT WILLIAM CONNIFF AS PUBLIC AGENCY
COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Mr. Naples stated it is a requirement that each public agency annually designate an officer or employee to serve as its public agency compliance officer. This resolution designates William Conniff as the Public Agency Compliance Officer.

On motion of Councilman Hsing, second by Councilman Albano, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-109 is appended to the official minutes

AWARD OF STATE CONTRACT FOR SIX FORD POLICE VEHICLES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$130,890

Mr. Naples supplied Council with a cost benefit analysis from the Police Department for six marked police vehicles.

Council discussed the State contract for the purchase of Ford Crown Victorias in comparison to other police vehicles under State contract this year.

Mr. Naples stated he will provide additional information and have the police representatives present at the next meeting to further discuss.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was tabled. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS TABLED.

AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR
STONEGATE (AKA FOUR SEASONS AT BRIDGEWATER), AN ACTIVE
ADULT COMMUNITY CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT WITH ITS COMMON
SPACE LOCATED ON BLOCK 601, LOT 500) LOCATED ON VICTORIA
DRIVE

Mr. Naples stated this is a standard request for reduction in a performance bond and is recommended by the Township Engineer.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Scaglione, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-110 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS SOMERSET PATRIOTS
APRIL 25, MAY 10, MAY 16 AND MAY 29, 2008

Mr. Naples stated this resolution is for the first four displays. The fireworks are being launched from a new location and it was the recommendation of the Fire Official to consider approval of four displays at this time.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second by Councilman Hsing, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-111 is appended to the official minutes.

ENDORISING AN INCREASE IN STATE POLICE SURCHARGES TO FUND
STATE BUDGET SHORTFALLS IN LIEU OF RELIANCE UPON LOCAL
PURPOSE TAX INCREASES

Mr. Naples stated Council President Norgalis requested the Township Attorney prepare a resolution detailing the impact of dedicated fees garnished through State Police activities generated back to pay for court security.

Mr. Savo suggested this resolution be tabled to further define the State's fines and costs as regulated by the State.

On motion of Council President Norgalis, second by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was tabled. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye

Council President Norgalis

Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS TABLED.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL INSPECTION AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT TO ASSESSOR SERVICES, LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL APPRAISER INSPECTION AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A TOWNSHIP-WIDE REASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000

Bridgewater Township Tax Assessor Anthony Di Rado stated the award to Assessor Services will provide professional appraisal inspection and related services in connection with the 2008 Township wide Reassessment Program.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Albano, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-112 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL INSPECTION AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT TO STERLING DI SANTO & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL APPRAISER INSPECTION AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A TOWNSHIP WIDE REASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500 FOR 2008

Mr. Di Rado explained the award to Sterling DiSanto will provide appraisal reports, expert testimony attendance at settlement conferences, hearings and trials, general assistance support and reports to the Tax Assessor and Township Attorney regarding real estate tax appeals

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Albano, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-113 is appended to the official minutes.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAMMETRY / SURVEY SERVICES CONTRACT TO CHAS. H. SELLS, INC. FOR AERIAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING, ENTIRE TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,550

Mr. Bogart explained the award to Chas H. Sells will include providing the following services: obtaining aerial photography, airborne and ground survey control and the preparation of Topographic Mapping and Orthographic Photographs as described in the RFP for the Aerial Topographic Mapping. Mr. Bogart added the current topographical map is 40 years old and does not reflect accurately the variations of the topography which is used for various studies and capital projects.

Councilman Hsing stated he does not see the urgency and recommended the Township wait a year to reevaluate technology and the proposal to launch a satellite which will give resolution within one foot.

On motion of Councilman Hsing, seconded by Councilman Moench, Council voted to table the resolution. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Nay
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Nay
Council President Norgalis	Nay

THE MOTION TO TABLE FAILED.

Council further discussed the value of a more current topographical map, and the cost savings on surveys etc.

Councilman Moench stated he would have liked to have had more information to outline the cost savings to recuperate the expense in man hours within one year.

On motion of Councilman Albano, seconded by Councilman Scaglione, the

foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Nay
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-114 is appended to the official minutes

SEEKING THE CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
FOR A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT FEE
ORDINANCE

Mr. Naples stated if the regulations for third round certification pass as proposed by COAH, the Mayor recommends the Township be in a position to offset that financial burden.

Mr. Savo stated this resolution will put the Township in a better position should COAH adopt the proposed regulations.

On motion of Councilman Scaglione, second by Councilman Albano, the foregoing resolution was approved. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Albano	Aye
Councilman Hsing	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Scaglione	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

A copy of resolution #08-04-07-115 is appended to the official minutes

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Albano, second of Councilman Scaglione, the meeting was opened to the public.

No one wished to be heard.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second of Councilman Scaglione, the public portion was closed.

**Closed
Session**

On the motion of Councilman Hsing, second of Councilman Albano, Council convened closed session at 10:25 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bridgewater Township Council that this body will now hold a closed meeting to discuss potential litigation and contract negotiations.

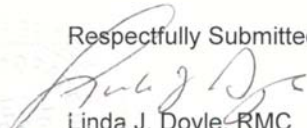
When and if the matters discussed become public record, this will be made known to the public at that time.

The public is excluded from said meeting and further notice thereof is dispensed with all in accordance with Sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second of Councilman Hsing, Council reconvened in open session at 10:47 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Albano, second of Councilman Scaglione, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President