

**Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
March 3, 2026 Minutes**

Attendance:

Representatives – Helen Grant, Virginia Carlson, Bob O'Brien, Deb Rodgers, Marie Sidoti, Larry Clifton, Jerry Spanola, Ed Torres

Alternates – JoAnn Ringwood, Marilyn Lago, Roseann Brennan, Vincent Tyburczy, Lou Masturzo

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Amy Schmiedeberg, Senior Services
Steve Krakovsky, Director of Public Works
Steve Gerling, Public Works Department
Council President Steve Feinman
Councilwoman Lisa Reina
Heather deJong, Meals on Wheels**

Guest: Lance Berger, MD, FACC

Dr. Lance Berger:

March is Amyloidosis awareness month. Amyloidosis is a group of diseases in which certain proteins change shape and can build up in different parts of the body. When these proteins build up in your heart, it may lead to ATTR-CM, a serious and often underdiagnosed condition that is associated with heart failure. Early diagnosis is essential. Diagnostic testing includes blood work, urine sample, bone scans of the heart followed by an MRI of the heart and if necessary a heart biopsy.

Symptoms include:

- Fatigue**
- stomach issues**
- shoulder, hip and/or knee pain**
- swelling in lower legs**

- eye disorders
- shortness of breath
- irregular heartbeat
- bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
- pain or numbness in lower back/legs due to narrowing of lower spine
- decreased or strange tingling sensation/pain in toes/feet.

Steve Krakovsky:

Once the incoming snowstorm was declared a blizzard with over 12" of snow expected, we called in 11 extra outside contractors who brought with them 70 pieces of equipment. Out of our 54 routes we were able to put at least 1 or 2 pieces of their equipment on each route.

On our end, we split our work force in half which gave us 31 guys per shift who worked for 12 hours per shift, and we had four 12-hour shifts. Our outside contractors worked 36-hour shifts. Throughout the storm, we had between 25-30 pieces of equipment on the road. Sunday night we kept moving snow and keeping the roads as open as we could. It snowed for about 23-hours straight and when it stopped on Monday afternoon, we were able to really start opening and clearing roads and that continued until around Tuesday night at 5pm.

Steve Gerling:

I was able to handle the administrative part, the, paperwork, organizing, keeping track of things which gave Steve the freedom to do more of his hands-on job, scheduling contractors, assigning contractors to their routes. Steve and his men at DPW really worked well together and did a great job. Prior to the storm we made sure all the supervisors were able to log into the GPS system so they were able to monitor the contractors. We also brought back snow monitors. We advised all contractors that they were not to plow curb-to-curb due to curb and equipment damage, but should plow 1' away from the

curb. Throughout the storm there were updates through the Nixle system which kept the residents informed of current situations.

Mayor Crate:

During the snowstorm there were a total of 832 calls for service including:

- 140 area checks
- 109 first aid calls
- 65 downed wires
- 53 alarms
- 38 fire calls
- 32 disabled/stuck vehicles
- 28 arcing/transformer fires
- 25 citizen assists
- 22 traffic signal malfunctions
- 18 welfare checks and
6 arrests

There were 8,229 residents without power due to 108 different electrical events. The bulk of the outages were related to substation issues. JCP&L was able to restore power during the storm or shortly after.

The Mayor has not received everyone's contact information for your landscaping company and/or person responsible for your HOA. This information is necessary so that our Department of Public Works can coordinate with them. Please email the information to:
mayor@twp.brick.nj.us

Potholes - To report a pothole email potholes@twp.brick.nj.us

Pick Up Brick – You can call to register at 732.262.1050 or go online at Bricktownship.net. Flyer attached.

Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm, Brick Township High School will be hosting Little Shop of Horrors, Broadway edition. Call Senior Center to register. Also, all seniors from the senior communities can attend on their own. We ask that you please RSVP with the Senior Center so we can get a head count. Flyer attached.

Recreation will be running their first bus trip on April 11th to Turtle Back Zoo. \$60 per person. Registration is now open Flyer attached.

Recreation is looking into a bus trip to Peddler's Village in November and is also trying to see about a Yankee game.

New Businesses:

Flavors of India - Now open. Authentic Indian Cuisine restaurant located at 506 Brick Blvd.

Community Threads Store – Now open. Clothing for all ages and all sizes. There is no cost for any of the items. Everyone is welcomed. Open Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. They are located at 270 Chambers Bridge Road, Unit 11.

Garden State Distillery – Applicant, Smith & Sons, will be heard by the Planning Board on March 25th.

Town Wide Yard Sale:

North side of Brick, Saturday April 25th
South side of Brick October 3rd

Amy Schmiedeberg:

Happy to announce that our 2nd dialysis bus started running on March 4th.

St. Patrick's party – Wednesday March 18th at 11am call to register.

NJ State Presentation on Property Tax Relieve Programs – Wednesday March 25th 12pm-1:30pm. The State will discuss new changes, how to complete the PAS booklet and information on payments. Call to register.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday April 7rd at 11am
(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)**

**Guest Speaker: Matthew Brazinski,
Energy Efficiency Program
Liaison for NJNG**