MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2014
10:00 a.m.

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4, Open Public Meetings Law, notice was given to two newspapers and posted, that a special council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Monday, December 29, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. to take place at the Borough Hall, 438 West Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, NJ. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Councilman Michielli who gave prior notice. Present also were the Solicitor Dan Long and Mark Basehore, Engineer.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the meeting minutes for the December 03, 2014 meeting regular and executive minutes. All Council voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014:12 to increase the use variance fee for the engineer to an amount of $1,000. with all Council voting aye.
No one from the public spoke.
A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close the public hearing with all Council voting aye.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Ordinance 2014:12 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS
A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the Fireman Application for Paul M. Wolf, Jr. of 200 S. Warwick Road, Magnolia, NJ. All Council voted aye.

The new owner of Magnolia Garden Village business only was present with the current owner Dennis Reid. The business will continue to run with no visible difference. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the business license with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:197 to accept the resignation of Councilman Michielli effective January 06, 2015. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2014:198 for the Transfer #3 for 2014. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:199 to authorize the Change Order Final #1 for King Street for an increase of $17.00. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2014:200 to authorize to cancel the debit and credit tax balances up to $10.00 submitted by the Tax Collector. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:201 to accept the resignation of Tax Assessor Thomas Davis effective December 31, 2014. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen stated he would submit the Treasurer's Report in writing.

Committee Reports
Councilman DePrince stated he would submit his report in writing.

Councilman Whalen stated he would submit his report in writing.

Councilwoman Martz stated she would submit her report in writing.

Councilman Wilson stated he would submit his report in writing.

The Mayor spoke of her concern with cars for sale on certain properties.

The Engineer stated the speed hump cost he obtained was $4,000. Each. There would be one on the 100 block of East Monroe, Albertson just passed Lincoln and Albertson between Jackson and Madison. He spoke about the NJAWC paving the Brooke Avenue section.

The Clerk spoke about the NJDOT meeting which took place earlier this month.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2014:196 to enter into Executive Session. All Council voted aye. This session was for possible litigation related to a tax appeal.

A motion was made by Councilman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to come out of Executive Session with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:202 to authorize Change Order Final #1 with Landberg Contractors in the added amount of $12,000. for three additional speed humps, with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:203 to authorize the Solicitor to settle the tax appeal for the Barrington Commerce Center which also is connected to a similar tax appeal in Barrington since the property is located in both boroughs.

This would include the withdraw of the three years of tax appeals and the new assessment being $17,000,000. With no reimbursements for prior years and to begin with 2015 tax year. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2014:204 to accept the resignation of Denise O'Kane with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:205 to appoint as a temporary police officer Michael Waters.   All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to open the meeting to the public with all Council voting aye.
No one from the public spoke.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to close the public session with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to pay the bills which total $76,034.24 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adjourn the meeting with all Council voting aye.