

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 01, 2015
7:00 p.m.

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4, Open Public Meetings Law, notice was given to two newspapers and posted, that a council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Wednesday, April 01, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Councilman Wilson who gave prior notice. Also present were the Engineer Mr. Basehore and the Solicitor Mr. Long.

Business License:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the annual business license for Mr. Softee to Mr. Conway. All Council voted aye.

Old Business:

Councilman Whalen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015:63 to read the budget by title only with Councilwoman Martz making a second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Quattrocchi to open the public hearing for the 2015 budget with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the public hearing with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt the 2015 budget with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2015:07 with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Quattrocchi to close the public hearing with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Ordinance 2015:07 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2015:65 for quarterly crossing guards appointments with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2015:66 for quarterly SLEOs appointments with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen stated the Treasurer's report will be submitted in writing.

Committee Reports:

Councilman DePrince read the March police report. He also reported about the gas leak on Brooke Avenue and thanked Acting Chief Stetser for his work. NJ America Water Company hit it. Gas was shut off, some home were evacuated for a short time, and repairs to the line were made.

Councilman Whalen reported with the latest appointment the front office is now fully staffed.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated she would submit her DPW report in writing since it was not available with the DPW Supervisor being on vacation. She confirmed with Acting Chief Stetser the computer issue was completed and all was well.

Councilwoman Martz stated her reports were in the DropBox but did state the FedEx permit fee was received for \$79,263. for the building expansion. She reported the new housing inspector was working out well as is the new part time help.

Councilman Quattrocchi thanked everyone who participated in the Clean Communities Day and that all went well. The Easter Egg Hunt was going to take place this weekend. All departments were ready.

The Mayor spoke about the wrist bank sales offered at a discount for the rides at the Centennial celebration.

Rich Krause thanked everyone for their support. He reported there were 50 vendors, 6 food vendors, and the ABC approval was received for the beer garden area.

The Engineer reported the Year 37 CDBG project was submitted to the County prior to the deadline. The "do not block the box" quote is \$2,000. from Landberg which he stated is a good price.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2015:67 to award the striping project fort Landberg Construction for \$2,000. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

The Engineer stated NJ American Water Company should be completing the paving in the next 2-3 weeks. He also stated the speed humps were all installed per the change order.

The Solicitor stated he had two items for executive session. Voorhees Shared Service negotiations, and possible litigation related to COAH.

A motion was made by Councilman Quattrocchi, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public with all Council voting aye.

The Solicitor asked John DiBartolomeo the President of the Magnolia Little League to come forward and Mr. Long stated there were some concerns from residents related to the criminal background checks not being completed and code of conduct.

Mr. DiBartolomeo stated there are 38 volunteers and all checks were done. Mr. Long asked for confirmation of this be submitted to Mr. Keenan. Mr. DiBartolomeo explained about a new identification program the Little League was going to use to show who is and who isn't allowed on the fields which Little League approved at their meeting last night. He also stated on the bulletin board a list of the volunteers would be posted. The Solicitor inquired to the decline in enrollment. Mr. DiBartolomeo explained the number of player and the number of teams planned for 2015. He also confirmed the snack stand would be completed Saturday in time for opening day.

It was confirmed Little League had done their own code of conduct. Mr. DiBartolomeo was asked to submit a copy of their code of conduct to Mr. Keenan.

The Mayor inquired to Mr. DiBartolomeo if there was a code of conduct why then are the Little League meetings not controlled. Mr. DiBartolomeo responded he allows the membership to air it out. The Solicitor stated the Little League should think about using Robert's Rules of Order for their meetings similar to what the Council uses for their meetings. The Mayor expressed she was concerned how parents and volunteers are treated by the Little League. Mr. DiBartolomeo had no comment.

Councilman DePrince inquired to the Little League Board. Mr. DiBartolomeo did not know the complete membership of the board, and with help from the public it was explained the following made up the board: President – John DiBartolomeo, VP S. Wilkinson, Treasurer – K. Stout, Secretary – S. Henderson, Safety Officer – Shawn Cowling, Player Agent – T. Potts, Field Manager – Maurice Stout but he may resign, Stand Manager – S. Comella, Info Officer – M. McDon.

Councilman DePrince spoke about too often things continue to come to Mayor and Council and it has escalated recently and the Mayor and Council feel obligated to address it. When we get other complaints on any organization we will do an investigation. If half of the items are true it is a very big concern. He stated he hoped with the Magnolia code of conduct and the Little League code of conduct the issues will be reduced. It was confirmed each and every Little League volunteer will sign the Little League code of conduct. The Solicitor stated it was the Mayor and Council's obligation to investigate.

Councilman Whalen stated last year the Little League stated they did not need the 50/70 field. Mr. DiBartolomeo responded "oops" and stated they need it now to practice on. Mr DiBartolomeo stated the Little League created a 50/70 team. The Mayor stated a schedule will need to be submitted for the times the 50/70 field will be used since there are others using it.

Councilman Whalen reviewed the Little League team breakdown for 2015: t-ball 8 each, coach pitch 16-17, minor league 13, major 11-12, and senior 10. He asked if there were all Magnolia residents. Mr. DiBartolomeo responded 95% were residents. Mr. DiBartolomeo explained how the area they cover includes Lawnside and Catalina Hills area of Somerdale. He stated of the seniors 7-8 are residents and a few more are from Somerdale.

The Solicitor stated again the volunteer clearance reports need to be provided to the clerk.

The Mayor questioned Mr. DiBartolomeo about not responded to an earlier effort when she spoke to him. He responded he has spoken to Mrs. Wilson. The Mayor stated he was to respond to herself and expects respect.

Councilman DePrince inquired to the snack stand work. Mr. DiBartolomeo responded the contractor will have it completed by Opening Day. He stated the funds are low right now. Mr. Keenan asked for confirmation the funds are present to finish the snack stand. Mr. DiBartolomeo responded after Opening Day funds will be available to finish the stand. He stated there was \$1,800. left from the county grant. Councilwoman Bonamassa inquired to the two county grants for \$45,000. and the insurance money from the fire.

Kellie Stout spoke about the finances since she is treasurer. She stated they had about \$9,800. and after opening day they would have \$4,000. additional money with \$3,000. needed to finish the snack stand. She stated the work should be done by May 15.

Councilman DePrince inquired to the second floor of the snack stand. It was explained it was open inside just studs.

Councilman Whalen inquired to the two county grants if they were \$25,000. and \$20,000? Mr. DiBartolomeo stated the county reduced the one \$25,000. grant to \$20,000. and the county took the funds to give to other organizations.

Donna Adams of Adams Avenue stated at the meeting last night there was \$9,200. and \$4,000. was to be used for air conditioning. She spoke about the contractor was to be done, and where did the money go if the contractor was to finish the job. She stated when she inquires of Little League she does not get answers.

Mrs. Adams stated the 2014 background checks were not done. She spoke to Williamsport and they confirmed there were none done. She expressed her concern with the children being at risk. She said the President and two others have access at all times.

Councilman Whalen noted the background check issue and the Solicitor stated he will review the documents and he stated he was very concerned.

Matthew Stout came forward and stated he had posted something on his father's facebook page about another person which was wrong and he apologized.

Greg DiBartolomeo came forward to inquire if all background checks are done for those working the open gym nights at the Recreation Center.

Mrs. Adams gave the contact and phone number of the person she contacted at Williamsport related to the background checks.

Rick Krause commented about signage should be noted on the field fencing to explain about the new Little League ID being required. He then reviewed the number of players for 2015. It was noted there were 4 teams of t-ball of 8 each with a total of 32. He also stated he called Williamsport and got confirmation there were no checks done for 2014. He also noted he was upset the President of Little League did not know his board officers when asked this evening and also pointed out the President's response of "oops" when inquired to why he stated last year he did not need a 50/70 field. Mr. Krause stated Little League made a decision to request a 50/70 field and it was not an "oops". He noted Little League members and their misconduct and the Little League Board doing nothing about it. He pointed out how the President this evening just got up and walked away from the Mayor and Council and dismissed them, which shows no respect. He stated he is very concerned with what is going on at Little League.

Brian Adams stated checks were done in 2013, not done in 2014, and have been done for 2015.

Mrs. Stout spoke about her history of participation in Magnolia for 47 years and how she is more embarrassed now. She said no child would ever say anything bad about her husband. She stated her husband did not want the board position he has. She commented about the letter from the last council meeting going to her attorney since it was an attack on her family. She spoke about if there are people who are not happy with the Little League Board they should report it to the District Board, and then the Eastern Division and use the chain of command. She stated it is all about the kids. She mentioned her husband would be resigning his position on the board but would still coach. She confirmed in 2014 they board only consisted of 5 members, and in 2015 there are 9 members.

Mr. DiBartolomeo apologized for getting up and walking away from the Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Adams responded she had gone to the President, District Manager, Eastern Region and to Williamsport, following the chain of command.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2015:68 to authorize the \$16,000. check to the Centennial Committee with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Quattrocchi to adopt Resolution 2015:69 to waive any permit fees required for the new snack stand sign with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to pay the bills with all Council voting aye by roll call vote including the Centennial Check approved under Resolution 2015:68. Councilman Quattrocchi abstained from voting for the check made out to himself for reimbursement.

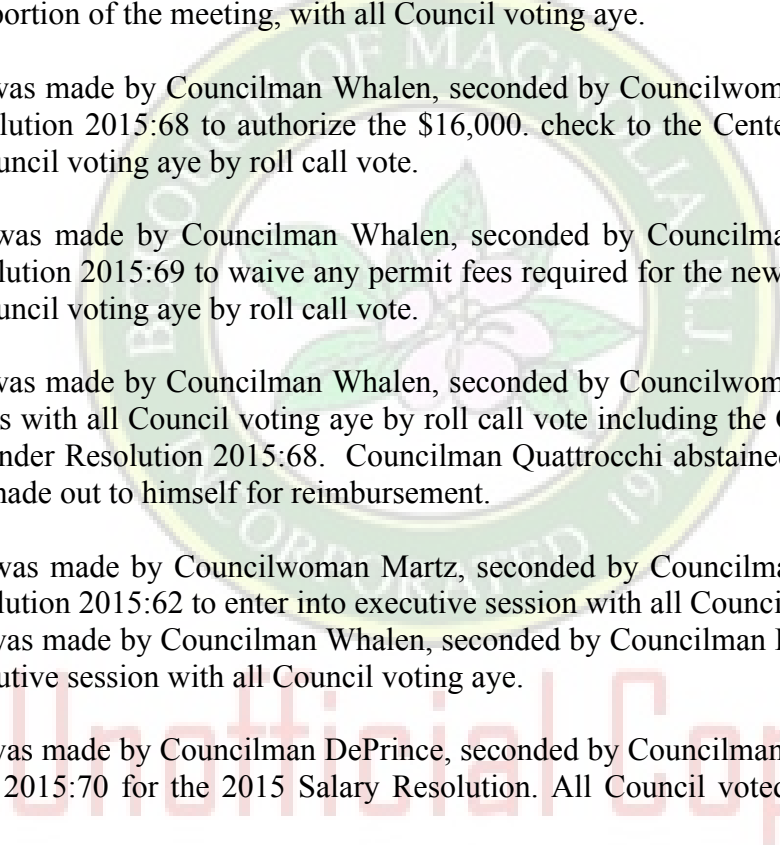
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Quattrocchi to adopt Resolution 2015:62 to enter into executive session with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, 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 2015:70 for the 2015 Salary Resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2015:71 to confirm the Solicitor would be the point person related to all matters with the Little League Board, with all of Council voting aye.

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



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