

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 07, 2016**  
**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 Thursday, September 07, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Councilmen Whalen who provided prior notice. Also present was the Solicitor Dan Long and Engineer Mark Basehore.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt the minutes of September 07, 2016 meeting with all Council voting aye.

A presentation was made by Councilman DePrince and the Mayor to certain members of the Magnolia Ambulance Association and to Police Officer James Swan related to an emergency call involving a young child who had been bitten in the face by a dog. The family and the little girl were also present to take part in the presentation. All were thanked for their efforts the day of the accident and the little girl was presented with gifts and a proclamation by the Police Chief making her an honorary police officer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to table Ordinance 2016:08 to amend the tax abatement for B. 3.11., Lots 36-41 until the September 15, 2016 meeting with all Council voting by roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Official copies should be requested through the Borough Clerks Office

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt Resolution 2016:129 to refund tax overpayment for B. 6.03, L. 6 for 610 Williams Avenue per the request of the title company. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt Resolution 2016:130 for maintenance liens for properties DPW cared for this past month. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2016:131 to execute the shared service agreement with Woodbury Heights for DPW mechanic. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt Resolution 2016:132 to execute the Camden County Municipal JIF agreement for 2017, 2018 and 2019. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2016:133 to authorize a tax overpayment of \$2,078.32 on Block 2.13, Lot 13 to Block 2.13, Lot 14. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

The Treasurer Report was noted as being in the dropbox for review.

#### Committee Reports:

Councilman DePrince stated he submitted his report in writing but confirmed he had a meeting with School Superintendent Dr. Pross and the Police Chief to plan an upcoming educational program at the school related to Safe Route to Schools to educate on students using certain routes to get to school safely.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated DPW took care of removing some trees at borough properties, painted the crosswalks prior to school starting, cutting abandoned properties, and will be completing mulching in September. The playground border removed from the Albertson Park was relocated to Taverner Park. A local painter who assisted in the painting of colored stripes to recognize emergency responders had written to confirm the kind support and cooperation he received from the DPW department.

Councilwoman Martz stated her reports were in the dropbox. She did confirm the vacant home registry had resulted to date \$6,500. Being paid by the mortgage companies. The new housing inspector has begun doing inspections under the direction of the Construction Official and has signed up for classes.

Councilman Krause stated the Centennial Committee has chosen the two playground pieces for the park. The recreation meeting was held and the Halloween Parade will take place on Sunday still. At the Halloween event there will be a scarecrow contest, hayride, bonfire, and pumpkin painting. He gave an update for the demolition of St. Greg's which should be completed by Friday. The historic group was able to obtain the two mosaics on the wall, the baptismal font, and some pews. He did state the developer will be providing to the public a time when stones will be available for free to the public. The corner stones were saved, even though the church one cracked and the time capsules in each stone have been preserved and a future public session will take place where the items will be shown and a historical person will open the time capsules.

Councilman Saxton spoke about the Tulip Program which is being offered to renters of the Rec Center for liquor liability coverage if they wanted to use the program voluntarily. The front doors at the Rec Center are being reviewed for replacement. The basketball teaching program has now signed a Lease and Pickle Ball is now being reviewed as a possible new tenant at the Rec Center.

The Engineer reported the inspections are ongoing related to the SJ Gas work. Also the closeout of the CDBG Otterbranch project is being done.

Councilwoman Martz made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting with Councilman Krause making the second with all Council voting aye.

Mary Burns of Chestnut Avenue was present to express her concerns with the tenants of Blossom Apartments.

Dorothy Liberatore of Chestnut Avenue was present to express her concerns with the tenants of Blossom Apartments. She also spoke about an issue when she used a recycling can for her bush trimmings.

Heidi Fencl of Chestnut Avenue expressed her concern of the tenants of Blossom Apartments and the noise from the home being renovated behind her.

The residents were informed by Council and the Police Chief to contact the police whenever they feel there is an issue.

Peg Millisky of Otterbranch Drive inquired to playground planning for the Tavener Park.

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

At this time Council discussed the grass cutting of the Train Station Park. It was agreed the DPW would do the grass cutting for the remainder of 2016 and in 2017 it would be reviewed again on how this issue will be handled. Contractual agreements for outside organizations was discussed which includes the Historic Commission and the sports organizations.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to pay the bills as presented with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

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