

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2017
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, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Councilmen DePrince who gave 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 February 01, 2017 meeting with all Council voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 2017:01 Cap Ordinance with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2017:01 for the 2017 Cap Ordinance with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 2017:02 for the 2017 Salaries with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt Ordinance 2017:02 for 2017 Salaries with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 2017:03 Backyard Chicken Hens with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Saxton to adopt Ordinance 2017:03 Backyard Chicken Hens with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 2017:04 County Vacant Home Registration with all Council voting aye.

No one from the public spoke.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Ordinance 2017:04 for the County Vacant Home Registration with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2017:50 to authorize the budget transfer #3 from the 2016 budget with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2017:51 for no left hand turns onto Pike for Royal Farms with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2017:52 to cancel outstanding court checks totaling \$20.55 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause to adopt Resolution 2017:53, seconded by Councilman Saxton to adopt Resolution 2017:53 to authorize purchase of police vehicle through the Cranford Cooperative with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2017:54 to accept the cash bond from AAA Hobbies for a two year period beginning from January 31, 2017 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2017:55 to authorize the release of the maintenance cash bond for Taco Bell based on the recommendation from the engineer and solicitor with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2017:56 to place the maintenance lien on the Ashland Avenue property for the demolition of the home with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2017:57 to authorize the execution of the Laurel Spring's Shared Service Agreement amendment for the additional payment from Laurel Springs of \$6,000. To Magnolia. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Committee Reports

Councilman Whalen stated the CFO and Auditors were working on filing the Annual Financial Statement.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated she was working on email and website hosting proposals and the DPW contract negotiations are beginning.

Councilwoman Martz spoke of the draft grading ordinance which she would like to introduce at the next meeting.

Councilman Krause spoke about his meeting with the public school related to Youth Week which will probably be Youth Day. Also he attended a strategic planning meeting in March, and a recreation meeting this Sunday planning this year's events. He reached out to other towns related to the laser show and Stratford is not interested. The Albertson Park renovation meeting is set for next week and he is working on an environmental grant.

Councilman Saxton stated the annual fire inspection was completed for both buildings. The door system at the recreation center proposal is in. He is trying to reach out to the new manager at Lowes reference to the National Night Out in August. Also the Thursday night open gym night has begun.

The Mayor asked for the next newsletter to go out with a possible planned shredding event. The planning has begun for the Miss Magnolia Pageant with the theme being the Ronald McDonald House.

The Engineer confirmed the State DOT Aid application was completed and a letter went out to Columbus Liquor related to their new LED lighting, and reviewed the maintenance bond acted upon tonight.

The Solicitor thanked all the residents who assisted in the Chicken Hen Ordinance process and on the Vacant Home Registration program with the County.

The Clerk presented Ordinance 2017:05 for the amendment to the Tax Abatement for Cracovia. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to introduce the Ordinance with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2017:49 for executive session related to negotiations related to the shared service with Laurel Springs with all Council voting aye.

Councilman Krause was excused from this portion and left from the balance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to come out of executive session with all Council voting aye.

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



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