

MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**FLAG SALUTE:**

All present pledged their allegiance to the flag of the United States of American

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa  
Councilman Anthony DePrince  
Councilman Richard Krause  
Councilwoman Mary Martz  
Councilman Odell Saxton  
Councilman Steven Whalen  
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson

**OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mark Basehore-Engineer, Daniel Long, ESQ-Solicitor, Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Mark Godfrey, Borough Administrator, Jay Miles, Jr. Public Works Supt., Gail M. Gallo, RMC-Borough Clerk

**“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance of the “Open Public Meetings Law” and notices were sent to the Courier Post and The Central Record and other news media. In addition, the notice was provided on the Official Bulletin Board.

**EMERGENCY EXITS:**

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated to please be aware in the event of an emergency, all persons in the courtroom should exit the courtroom quickly and orderly, using the two main doors in the courtroom and then locate the nearest exit to safety. In addition, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes from June 15, 2017 meeting were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Res 2017:121** – Resolution authorizing the Hiring of Public Works Part Time Laborer- Theodore Ritz

A motion was made by Councilwomen Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwomen Martz to the above resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**Res 2017:122** – Resolution authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to Adjust Due Date and Grace Period for 2017 Third Installments of Taxes

A discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**Res 2017:123** – Resolution accepting the Performance Bond for the Reconstruction of Madison Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Phase II Project – DiMeglio Construction Co., Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause. All Council voted aye by roll call vote

**Res 2017:124**-Resolution Authorizing Additional Duties and Responsibilities of the Municipal Clerk

A motion was made by Councilwomen Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council voted aye by roll call vote

**Res 2017:125**-Resolution Authorizing the Tax Lien for Maintenance of Vacant Property  
Councilwomen Martz questioned Otter Branch.

A motion was made by Councilwomen Martz and seconded by Councilman Saxton. All Council voted aye by roll call vote

**Res 2017:126**-Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to appoint Matthew Wolf to Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause. All Council voted aye by roll call vote

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

Beautique Nails and Spa  
809 W. Evesham Road  
Owner: Tring Vuong  
Block 8.01 Lot 4



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Mayor invited Ms. Vuong to speak to the council. A discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and was seconded by Councilman Krause. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE**

Manfredo's Munchies  
Owner: Benjamin Allen Reed  
Hot Dog Cart

Mayor invited Mr. Reed to speak to council and answer any questions. A discussion took place.  
A motion was made to table this application

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince**

Councilman DePrince spoke of the road construction that is to be done on E. Atlantic Avenue by SJ Gas, and stated concerns relating to Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Councilman DePrince also

spoke of a meeting that Lieutenant Paris will be attending in the near future that will provide more efficient and cost effective ways to keep cellular service from going down as it relates to EMS, Fire, and Police activity. Chief Stetser provided more details on the White Horse Pike expansion, and how it will affect Evesham Ave, and local businesses with regards to power supply. Chief Stetser also spoke about a recent accident on Evesham and Atlantic Avenue.

#### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen**

Councilman Whalen reminded the governing body to focus on essential spending until we receive our tax rate, and can generate income. Councilman Whalen also asked Gail to elaborate on her observations of the front office since she stepped in. Councilman Whalen spoke about our Treasurers progress through classes she is attending related to purchasing, and budgetary procedures. Councilman Whalen also shed some light on the tax billing, and how the increase relates to the municipality, and the school districts.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa**

Councilwoman Bonamassa spoke of the switching of e-mail providers, and potentially upgrading the website. She also spoke of activities as they relate to Public Works, and that although business is usual, trash pickup was a bit heavy this month.

#### **PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz**

Councilwoman Martz spoke of the income received from our first month of Community Champions. She also spoke of the Planning Board meeting and the officials that will be present for the Master Plan. She also spoke of street lighting concerns as they relate to the lights at the walking path of the Train Station. Councilwoman Martz also spoke of feedback received from the Department of Community Affairs, and raising of construction permit fees. She also spoke of derelict properties in town, and adopting an abandoned vehicle ordinance in the future.

#### **PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause**

Councilman Krause thanked all that were in attendance for the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, and their help with set up. Councilman Krause gave positive feedback about the concert that was held, and congratulated the Volunteer of the Year, and Magnolia Medal recipients. Councilman Krause also mentioned changing the parade routes to allow for more viewing from the residents in town. Councilman Krause also spoke of the possibility of bringing back fireworks next year, and that we would need to look for sponsors for the event. Councilman DePrince mentioned he would be interested in helping from a Public Safety point of view, and would assist in coordinating with the Fire Official for inspection. Councilman Krause spoke of the Town Fair for next year, and changing up the days the events fall on. Councilman Krause spoke of the Albertson Park project, but no new details were available. Councilman Krause also spoke of planning for the upcoming holidays.

#### **FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton**

Councilman Saxton spoke of the doors at the Borough Hall, and a few challenges recently experienced at the Community Center with teens placing their bikes inside. Councilman Saxton also spoke of National Night Out planning, and the upcoming meeting to finalize everything.

#### **MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson**

Mayor Cowling-Carson spoke of delivery issues with the post office in regards to our post card mailings for events. Mayor Cowling-Carson also spoke of a few residents that raised concerns of the flags over Evesham Avenue. Mayor Cowling-Carson also spoke of the preparation of the Fall Newsletter.

#### **ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore**

The Engineer stated that his report was submitted in writing.

**SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long, Esq.**

The Solicitor spoke of COAH issues as they relate to Fair Housing. The Solicitor also spoke of establishing Borough fees for processing Bingo and Raffle licenses. The Solicitor also spoke of licenses pertaining to solicitors, and the applicable fees.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DCRP Enrollment and Removal of Quarterly Appointments

A discussion took place regarding DCRP enrollment and removal of quarterly appointments. Mr. Godfrey will look in to it.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

A list of the Claims has been submitted by treasury for approval and individual vouchers are available for review.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwomen Martz to approve the aforementioned claims list. All Council voted aye by roll call vote

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Councilwomen Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to open public participation.

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

Hearing from no one a motion was made by Councilwomen Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to close public participation.

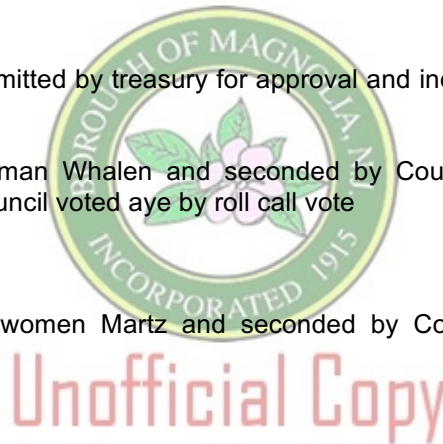
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwomen Marts to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. All Council voted aye by roll call vote

**PREPARED BY**

Gail M. Gallo, RMC  
Borough Clerk  
Borough of Magnolia

TIME: 2 hours and 15 minutes



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