

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2017 – 7:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Betty Ann 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:

Councilwomen Paula Bonamassa, present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, present
Councilman Richard Krause, present
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present
Councilman Odell Saxton, absent
Councilman Steven Whalen, present
Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson, present

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mark Basehore-Engineer, Dan Long, ESQ-Solicitor, Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Gail M. Gallo, RMC-Clerk; Mark Godfrey, Administrator; Jay Miles, Foreman

“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:

The minutes from August 17, 2017 for the General Meeting and Closed Session were distributed and are now subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATION:

Susan Marie Rupp Foundation – Sister, Mothers, Relatives, and Friends against Ovarian Cancer – Month of September

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the proclamation designating the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the Borough of Magnolia.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

SECONDED READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2017:11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA TO AMEND THE FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION CODE

A discussion took place regarding this ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to open this part of the meeting to the public.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to close this portion of the meeting of the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt Ordinance

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Roll Call:

Councilwoman Bonamassa - aye
Councilman DePrince - aye
Councilman Krause – aye
Councilwoman Martz –
Councilman Saxton - absent
Councilman Saxton - aye
Mayor Cowling-Carson

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 2017:137

Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Public Works Part Time Laborer – Timothy Earl Brown

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017: 138

Resolution Authorizing a Real Property Deduction on Dwelling House of Qualified New Jersey Resident Senior Citizen – Block 3.13 Lot 16.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote, with the exception of Councilman Saxton who was not present.

Res 2017:139

Resolution Authorizing Participation with the Borough of Magnolia and SJPC Natural Gas Service

Councilman Whalen added details to the purpose of this resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote, with the exception of Councilman Saxton who was not present.

Res 2017:140

Resolution Authorizing a Cooperative Pricing Agreement contract between the Borough of Magnolia and Various Vendors for Copy, Computer Paper and Envelopes

Councilman Whalen added details to the purpose of this resolution.

All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:141

Resolution Authorizing Tax Liens for Maintenance of Vacant Property

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:142

Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget of the Borough of Magnolia Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 Chapter 159, OL 1948 Being 128.68 from the Municipal Court Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:143

Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget of the Borough of Magnolia Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 Chapter 159, OL 1948 Being \$208,000 from FY2017 NJDOT Grant: Reconstruction of Brooke Avenue

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:144

Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget of the Borough of Magnolia Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 Chapter 159, OL 1948 Being \$8,952.98 from Clean Communities

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:145

Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 - No. 7 Attorney/Client Privilege Matter – Web Hosting; No. 7 Attorney/Client Privilege Matter - Potential Lawsuit Involving Police Matter; No. 7 Attorney/Client Matter – Municipal Court Shared Service Agreement

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

None



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince

Councilman DePrince turned this part of the meeting over to Chief Robert Stetser who spoke of details surrounding the White Horse Pike and Evesham Road project, and the Atlantic Avenue project and its impact on the municipalities.

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen reported that the tax sale date was set for October 18, 2017 by the Tax Collector.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated that Public Works would be performing maintenance on the Community Center now that the Camp has left the facility. She also spoke of grass cutting being done, Department of Public Works Foreman Jay Miles spoke of a request from Stratford to extend trash and recycling pickup to another part of town.

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

Councilwoman Martz stated the apartment inspections are coming due and that Ms. Simone was working on getting them out. She also spoke of the recent house fire at 706 W. Lincoln Ave, and the details surrounding the Construction Officials visit to the property after the fire occurred, and that he was asked to leave by the property owner. Councilwoman Martz spoke of the Construction Office’s fall hours and

that they have now begun. Councilwoman Martz question a letter that was received asking for information regarding the fire that took place at 706 W. Lincoln Avenue. The Solicitor asked for the letter so that he can address it.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

Councilman Krause stated that planning is underway for the holiday events, letters are going out to all business in the borough to help with the upcoming Holiday Light Parade. Calendar planning has begun for the 2018 year and that he and Mark Godfrey were working on it. He also thanked Councilwoman Martz for her referral of the Neil Diamond impersonator for the Senior Luncheon.

Councilman Krause also reported on the Recreation Committee meeting, and their involvement in planning for the holiday events. He noted that planning has begun, on the Halloween Parade, Breakfast with Santa planning is underway for a proposed Magnolia Day for next year. Councilman Krause also noted that the account that was established for the Centennial Committee has been audited, and is now ready for a final purchase of playground equipment. Councilman Krause thanked Councilman DePrince and Mayor Cowling-Carson for their help in finding Camden County flag. Councilman Krause thanked Nick D’Amico for a Miss Magnolia photo that was found from 1928, which will be added to the archives for display. Councilman Krause spoke of the planned event for St. Gregory’s material, and the hope that Royal Farms would dedicate a marker on their property for St. Gregory’s Church. Councilman Krause spoke of 2016 Miss Magnolia, Paige Anderson and her proposed plan to establish a senior citizens group, and a possible meals-on-wheels project.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton was not present to give a report.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson

Mayor Cowling-Carson spoke of meetings for the Department of Health, and asked for all Council, if they could attend, because she could not. Mayor Cowling-Carson spoke of the first day of school activities.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

The Engineer stated his reports are submitted in writing. A copy is attached to the minutes

SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long, Esq.

The Solicitor spoke of the letter that was received by the Construction Office, and that it should be treated as an OPRA request. The Solicitor also asked for a closed session meeting regarding the Attorney-Client privilege.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding Contacts between the Borough of Magnolia and Public Works

Councilwomen Bonamassa explained that the contracts were completed. A discussion took place regarding the contract for the Public Works Union, and the need for further clarification on items in the verbiage.

Councilwomen Bonamassa suggested that they pass a resolution to accept this agreement.

Res 2017-146

Resolution Approving the Agreement Between the Borough of Magnolia and Teamsters Local No. 676

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the Department of Public Works contract.

A discussion took place. Councilwoman Bonamassa suggested that they table Resolution 2017-146 until further discussions with the Teamsters Local No. 676.

A motion to table Resolution 2017:146 was made by Councilwoman Martz, and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. All council who were present voted aye to table.

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 Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned claims list. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to open public participation. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

HEARING NO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to close public participation. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to move into Closed Executive Session. The motion carried

RETURNED FROM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince at 8:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

PREPARED BY

Gail M. Gallo, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

TIME: 1 hour and 42 minutes



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