

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2017

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Wayne Roorda-Engineer, John Moustakas, ESQ-Solicitor, Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Gail M. Gallo, RMC-Clerk; Mark Godfrey, Administrator, Jay Miles, Forman

“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 September 6, 2017 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and second by Councilman Whalen to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted aye by roll call vote.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

SECONDED READING OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 2017:147

Resolution Establishing a “Complete Streets” Policy for the Borough of Magnolia

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

RES 2017:148

Resolution of Award of Contract – FY2017 Trust Fund – Reconstruction of Brooke Avenue

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were present voted aye by roll call vote, with the exception of Councilman Saxton who abstain.

RES 2017:149

Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to Apply for the NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding for Road Reconstruction

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

Res 2017: 150

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

RES 2017:151

Resolution Authorizing Change of Custodian of Petty Cash Fund – Shelley Strehle

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

Res 2017:152

Resolution Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act

A motion was made was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. All Council 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 Matter – Municipal Court Shared Service Agreement

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince**

Councilman DePrince reported on the issues regarding children not riding their bike with helmets, that tickets can be issued. There is a Bike Safety Program, where helmets can be given out for free. He thanked the police for all their help with this issue. Councilman DePrince also spoke of the new Fire Command Vehicle.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen reported on the process of borough clerk position. He said that the budget preparations have begun, so please start getting your budgets ready.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa reported that the email switch was going well and that there is nothing new in Public Works

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

Councilwoman Martz reported that everything was going well and Royal Farms will be opening November 2 and that all their permits were going well. She also reported that the Rabies Clinic was scheduled for November 4th at the Pavilion in Albertson Park from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

Councilman Krause reported on the process on of the newsletter, upcoming events and Albertson Park. He also spoke of the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Church.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton reported that Summer Camp has ended and they started updating the community center. He also reported on the panic alarm system needs to be hard wired because currently we are on batteries and it's not working properly. Chief Stetser agree.

MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced that Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force and Municipal Alliance, Magnolia Municipal Alliance, Sterling Municipal Alliance and The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse are hosting an Addiction Prevention and Mental Health Program (Increasing Awareness and Saving Lives) on October 12, 2017 at Sterling High School from 6:00pm until 8:15pm. All are welcome.

ENGINEER REPORT – Wayne L. Roorda, Jr.

Mr. Roorda reported that Mr. Basehore's report was submitted in writing. A copy was attached to the minutes.

SOLICITOR REPORT - John Moustakas, ESQ
Mr. Moustakas said there was no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman DePrince asked for a report on the Bid Opening for the third party billing. Mrs. Gallo reported that no bids were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Whalen reported that the Code Book needs to be updated.

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. The motion carried.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to open participation. All Council voted aye by roll call.

Robert Morabito, 604 North Walnut Avenue, questioned the weeds on Crestview Avenue and what is the borough doing and how close can the homes be to the property lines. Mr. Roorda said that they are building five new homes there, but he will look into the plans regarding what are the required setbacks for homes. A discussion took place regarding lots, taxes and tax abatement.

Jennifer Gray, 704 W. Brooke Avenue, (driver's license) spoke regarding Miss Magnolia and her daughter's participation in the upcoming events.

Peg Millisky, 318 Otter Branch Drive, question the upgrades to Tavener Park. A discussion took place regarding the lighting, playground equipment and expense on doing the upgrades.

William Luebberman, 145 W. Lincoln Avenue, questioned road work at the intersection of Camden and Lincoln. He has concerns with the residents and children crossing during the winter months with it freezing and the other months with the puddling. He has salted the intersection during the winter months. A discussion take place.

Dallas Carter from the Knights Youth Football, regarding the use and lighting of fields. A discussion took place regarding the safety of the generator they are using to light the fields. They also discussed the trailer and speeding by parents.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

HEARING NO FURTHER 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 Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to move into Closed Executive Session. The motion carried

RETURNED FROM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at 8:40 pm. to return to the Public Session

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at 8:45 pm. to adjourn.

Prepared by:

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Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia



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TIME: 1 hour and 45 minutes