

BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2017

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

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

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.

PROCLAMATION

Camden County Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced that the month of October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from September 21, 2017 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz 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 2017:146

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

A motion was made by Councilwomen Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to bring this resolution back to the table.

A discussion took place regarding this matter

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

RES 2017: 157

Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Vacant Property

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the above mention resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017: 158

Resolution Authorizing the Appointment to Work the Rabies Clinic – Lori Rauer and Tina Rauer

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the above mention resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017: 159

Resolution Authorizing the Best Practices Survey to NJ Department of Community Affairs

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the above mention resolution.

A discussion took place. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017: 160

Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Public Works Part Time Laborer – Santreenno Antonio Clemente

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

RES 2017: 161

Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Public Works Part Time Laborer – Anthony Erosto Lara

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

RES 2017: 162

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 \$1,383.80 From Body Armor Grant

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the above mention resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017: 163

Resolution Authorizing a Contract Awarding (Bid B-23/2016 – 2nd Year Option) by and Between the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) and Various Vendors for Furnishing and Delivering of Sodium Chloride, Pre-Treated Liquid Enhanced Sodium Chloride, Corrosion Inhibited De-Icing Liquid and Magnesium Chloride Flakes for Various Camden County Entities, Under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System ID #67-CCPS, on an "As Needed Basis"

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the above mention resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017: 164

Resolution Authoring the Cancellation of the Remaining Balance on Contract No. 14-00002 2014 NJDOT 2014 Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the above mention resolution.

RES 2017: 165

Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of the Remaining Balance on Contract No. 14-00001 2014

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the above mention resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017-166

Resolution to Release Maintenance Bond for South Jersey Behavioral Health Services in the Total Amount of \$1,474.50 – Block 5.05, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.01, and 11

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the above mention resolution.

Mark Basehore explain that this was a cash bond for maintenance and that it was never return after the two year term, all inspection were made and the project is complete. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017-167

Appointing Mark Godfrey as Deputy Tax Collector

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve mention resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017-168

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Attorney/Client Matter Municipal Shared Service Agreement and Tax Sale Cancellation and related Issues.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

Royal Farms #261
1400 Horizon Way
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Address of Business:

304 East Evesham Avenue
Magnolia, NJ 08049
Block 3.01 Lots 1 and 2

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the approve Business License.

The mayor asked if there were any one here from Royal Farms. Patrick Mason and Christopher Streeter spoke about details surrounding the soft and grand opening dates. The Engineer gave a description of the punch list which still has items to be addressed. The sign that was installed did not match the approved site plans, which will need a variance from the Planning Board. The county's road inspector

had concerns about the restoration performed after the sewer was installed on Evesham Avenue. The dirt that was still on the property needs to be graded to their approved site plans.

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince

Councilman DePrince spoke of the recent conditions on Camden Avenue, with the closure of Atlantic Avenue. Thursday was the worst day, but each day afterward has since calmed down significantly. Councilman DePrince commended the Chief of Police on a job well done navigating the closure, and detouring traffic appropriately. The Atlantic Avenue closure should last about three more weeks, and seems to be ahead of schedule at this time. Fire Prevention was held the past weekend, and all had a fantastic time.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen spoke of the upcoming Tax Sale, and that it has been cancelled, and rescheduled.

In light of this, Councilman Whalen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman DePrince to appoint Mark W. Godfrey as the Deputy Tax Collector. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa mentioned that the DPW contract was finished. The DPW foreman has been working on the hayride, with hopes that the weather cooperates this year. Grass cutting has been significant, but was completed.

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

Councilwoman Martz made mention of the Rabies Clinic that will be held at our Albertson Park pavilion on November 4, 2017 from 10:00AM – 12:00 PM.

Councilwoman Martz mentioned that there will be no Planning Board meeting this month. The Master Plans that were distributed to the Planning Board members have not been returned yet.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

Councilman Krause commended the Fire Department, and Company on a job well done with Fire Prevention.

Councilman Krause made mention of the Scarecrow contest, Halloween Parade, and the Hayride planning.

Councilman Krause asked if a motion needed to be made on the Trick-or-Treat hours, which was not needed.

Councilman Krause spoke of the tree lighting, and that it will be done in the park this year.

Breakfast with Santa planning is in motion, as well as the Senior Luncheon.

Councilman Krause spoke of this weekend's time capsule opening from St. Gregory's Church, and thanked Mayor Cowling-Carson and Councilman DePrince for their presence.

Councilman Krause spoke of planning for the Holiday Lighted Parade, and the recent Recreation Meeting that was held.

Councilman Krause said planning has begun for a Magnolia Day, to be held in the spring of 2018.

Councilman Krause spoke of the projector, and proposed purchase of a new one.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton spoke of recent maintenance that has been going on for the buildings and grounds. Councilman Whalen spoke of closing out Councilman Saxton's trust account for the Community Center, and that the money would be injected into the Current Fund.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson

Money

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

The Engineer noted that Phase II and the 100 blocks of East and West Adams Ave were submitted to NJDOT on October 6, for grant funding.

The Engineer provided an update on the Brooke Avenue repaving project, and that contracts were being issued, and that a preconstruction meeting was planned for October 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Borough Hall. The Notice to Proceed will most likely be issued on October 30, 2017. The initial payment voucher for 75% of funding was submitted to the NJDOT. Chief Stetser asked if the Notice to Proceed could be delayed due to school foot and vehicle traffic, as well as the construction on Atlantic Avenue. The Engineer will coordinate with Landberg.

The Engineer spoke of the bid for Albertson Park, and that it has been held up for administrative reasons. He hoped to see it go to bid by the end of October. The planned tree lighting should have no effect on the proposed construction.

The Engineer gave an update on Madison Avenue's FY2016 project. The construction has been substantially completed, with Bach & Associates working on closeout documents. The final cost of construction is actually less even though additional inlet work was performed.

The Engineer gave an update on Lincoln Avenue's FY2014 project. The closeout documents were submitted to NJDOT, and we expect the final 25% to be reimbursed.

The Engineer gave an update on Royal Farms' opening. Per the consent of Council, Bach can recommend a 60 day TCO to be issued as long as all punch list items are properly completed, with the exception of the pylon signage. The applicant has 60 days to get a variance for the oversized pylon sign.

The Engineer gave an update on the correspondence with AVI Auto Sales regarding the replacement of the dead trees in the neighbor's buffer zone. Councilman Krause said that he had heard that an AVI rep reached out to the homeowner, but no further details were known.

The Engineer gave an update on a meeting held with SJ Gas and Bach & Associates representatives, and that progress has been made on the road opening punch list.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long

Councilman Whalen stated that he had a closed session agenda item related to the Attorney/Client privilege.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

Matthew DiGuilio was present on behalf of Royal Farms. He spoke of the sign concerns, and that Royal Farms would work to correct it as soon as possible. He thanked Council for their time, and patience as they worked through the opening process.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince at 8:20 pm to adjourn.

Prepared by:

Gail M. Gallo, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

TIME: 1 hour and 20 minutes



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