

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2017

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Daniel Long, 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.

SWEARING IN:

Mayor Cowling-Carson sworn in Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II Sukhjinder Singh. His all family was presented and all his fellow officers were present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from October 19, 2017 and minutes from the close session were distributed and are subject to approval.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced the Scarecrow Contest:

- 1st Place - Yeidy Marrero
- 2nd Place - Joseph and Patrick Deegan
- 3rd Place - Tracy Clancy

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance to Create Chapter 70 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey to Establish a Junior Firemen's Auxiliary

***LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT COUNCILMAN KRAUSE ARRIVED AT THIS TIME**

After a discussion took place regarding this ordinance a motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to move forward with this ordinance.

Roll call vote:

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

SECONDED READING OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

RES 2017: 169

Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019 Governor's Council on alcoholism and Drug Abuse

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

RES 2017: 170

Resolution Accepting the Performance Bond for 2017 FY NJDOT Trust Fund, Reconstruction of Brooke Avenue to Landberg Construction, LLC

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

RES 2017: 171

Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Public Works Part Time Laborer – Kevin Anthony Hollisworth

A discussion took place.

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

RES 2017: 172

Resolution Authorizing change Order No.1 (Final) FY2016 Trust Fund – Reconstruction of Madison Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Phase II

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

RES 2017: 173

Resolution Providing for Transfer of 2017 Budget Appropriations

Councilman Whalen explains the transfers.

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

RES 2017: 174

Resolution Appointing Housing Inspector - Mark Godfrey

Councilwoman Martz explains the appointment is for emergencies only.

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

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince

Councilman DePrince gave an update on the traffic, court clerk position and that Captain

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen gave an update on the Clerk position and that the interviews were being done at a Special Meeting November 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa gave a report on the painting of the Municipal Building and thank Jay Miles for the hayrides. And that the American Flag would be placed at the community center for Election Day

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

Councilwoman Martz announced that the reports were in the drop box, Debbie Simone, Planning Board Secretary has sent out notices regarding the Master Plan Meeting. That all is going well at Royal Farms and that the Rabies Clinic was ready for Saturday November 11, 2017.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause



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Councilman Krause thank everyone who help make the Halloween – Hayride a great success, specially Chief Wolf, Magnolia Fire Department and Jay Miles, Public Works. He also said that they are now working on the upcoming events the parade, tree lighting, Breakfast with Santa and the Senior Luncheon.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton reported that there was an issue with this weekend rental of the Community Center and they will be looking into updating the guidelines for the usage of the building.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson

Mayor Cowling-Carson reported that the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has 10 food baskets to give out, if anyone knows of a family. She was invite to attend a celebration at the One Stop were they sample India Food. She also reported that there was a soft opening for the new Royal Farms. Sterling High School had a mayors meeting were they reported the rating were going up.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

See report attached. Quick highlights they are working on the Albertson Park lighting and should be going out to bid shortly.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long

Mr. Long reported on the Jr. Fireman ordinance and that next month meeting we will have a closed session

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: copies should be requested through the Borough Clerks Office

Councilman Whalen asked if there were any objections to cancelling the November 16, 2017 Work Session Meeting. at (856)783-1520 for additional information.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to have the clerk to cancel November 16, 2017 meeting. All council voted in favor.

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 Councilwomen 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 Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to open public participation.

Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak. Hearing no one. She asked for a motion to close the public portion.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause 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