

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2017

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, absent
Councilman Richard Krause, present
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present
Councilman Odell Saxton, absent
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.

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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 November 1, 2017 and minutes from the special meeting held on November 13, 2017 session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded 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:

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

A discussion took place regarding this ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to open this part of the meeting to the public.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to close this portion of the meeting of the public.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2017:12.

Roll Call:

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



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RESOLUTIONS:

RES 2017:175

Resolution to Deem a Non-Operable Vehicle as Junk

Councilman DePrince gave details surrounding a motor vehicle accident that totaled this vehicle.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt the above mentioned resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES 2017176

Resolution to reject all bids for the Albertson Park Lighting

The Engineer gave details on the bids that were submitted.

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

RES 2017:177

Resolution approving the 2018 Contract – Shelter Services with Animal Welfare Society of Camden County, Inc. (AWSCC)

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

RES 2017:178

Resolution Approving Uniform Cleaning and Car Wash Contracts for 2018

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

RES 2017:179

Resolution to Approve a Shared Service Agreement by and between the Borough of Hi-Nella and the Borough of Magnolia for Pickup and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials for Three (3) Years 2018, 2019, and 2020

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

RES 2017:181

Resolution to Approve a Shared Service Agreement by and between the Borough of Lawnside and the Borough of Magnolia for a Tax Collector

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

RES 2017:183

Resolution Approving Animal Control Services to Available Animal Control – John Micklewright

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

RES 2017:184

Resolution Appointing Mark Godfrey as Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Magnolia

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

RES 2017:185

Resolution Appointing Peter Simone as Housing Inspector

The Borough Solicitor confirmed this appointment does not conflict with the Borough of Magnolia's policy on Nepotism.

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

RES 2017:187

Resolution Approving Release of the Performance Guarantee Posted for the Reconstruction of Madison Avenue and Lincoln Avenue

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

RES 2017:188

Resolution Appointing Mark W. Godfrey the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

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



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BUSINESS LICENSE:

None.

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE could be requested through the Borough Clerks Office by completing an Open Public Record Act Request Form. Contact us at (856)783-1520 for additional information.

Charles Bellinger
US Power Savers
580 Middletown Blvd. Suite D200
Langhore, PA
Solar Infrastructure Development
(Approval Pending Fingerprints)

Charles Bellinger was present and gave details on what he would be soliciting to homeowners.

The hours of solicitation would be between 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM, and would center on educating the public on funding available from the State of New Jersey for solar power.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to table the above Solicitor/Peddler License. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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

Councilman DePrince gave thanks to all for working on the antique fire truck to have it ready for our upcoming events, with special thanks being given to our mechanic, Larry.

Mayor Cowling-Carson offered a note under Public Safety regarding a new Ambulance for the Ambulance Squad. She asked that we deny the request to purchase a new Ambulance until all Borough's agree.

Councilman Whalen stated that before a new Ambulance is purchased, a trash truck should be purchased for Public Works.

Mayor Cowling-Carson then asked that we request to examine the financial records of the Ambulance Squad to determine if public funding is required.

Councilman DePrince stated plans have begun for the Holiday Lighted Parade with Councilman Krause, and the remainder of his reports would be submitted in writing.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen mentioned the Tax Sale would take place on December 14, 2017, and that our Employee Luncheon is scheduled for December 15, 2017 which would then close the offices at 2:00 PM.

Mayor Cowling-Carson mentioned that she took the department heads to a breakfast on Friday, December 1, 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa mentioned that the leaves have been the major concern for Public Works recently, and that they were facing some issues with the trash truck which may end up needing replacement.

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

Councilwoman Martz mentioned that her reports would be submitted in writing, and gave an update on the Royal Farms Planning Board process at it related to the sign that was erected conflicting with the plans that were submitted.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

Councilman Krause gave thanks to all for help in setting up the Tree Lighting, and that all went well.

The Breakfast with Santa is fully planned out, and ready. There will be a lot of people in attendance this year. Councilwoman Bonamassa offered her thanks for the event set up, but that maybe we don't use

the same tree next year given its proximity to traffic on Evesham Avenue, and set up on the main roadway can be challenging and unsafe.

Councilwoman Bonamassa also stated her concern for the amount of people that will be present at the Breakfast with Santa event, and that we should cap the attendance in future years so that we do not diminish the experience for the guests in attendance.

The Senior Luncheon is ready and about 65 seniors should be in attendance.

The Holiday Lighted Parade is ready and participants are still registering.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Although Councilman Saxton was not present, Mayor Cowling-Carson mentioned that he did attend a Community Development meeting this past Monday.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson

Mayor Cowling-Carson mentioned she attended the Grand Opening ceremony for Royal Farms, and that checks were presented to three local groups by Royal Farms.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

The Engineer mentioned his reports were submitted in writing, but wanted to give an update to the project on Brooke Avenue, which should begin paving next week.

The project for Albertson Park needs to be looked at to be ready for next year.

New Jersey American Water has completed their restoration of Brooke Avenue, and any new permits requested may be issued. South Jersey Gas has been asked by the County of Camden to repave all of Davis Rd. A punch list for South Jersey Gas is still ongoing.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long

The Solicitor mentioned that he has 2 items that are needed for Closed Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A discussion regarding Camp 99 lease agreement took place to extend their rental for another 5 years.
 - a. Councilman Whalen mentioned he received an email from Camp 99 asking to extend the use of the center through 2025.
 - b. Mayor Cowling-Carson mentioned concerns about our recent audit finding, and asked the Solicitor to review.

c. A decision was not made, and the discussion was put on hold while the Solicitor reviews.

2. Councilman Whalen wished to thank Gail for all of her work and dedication while serving as Borough Clerk.

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, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the above resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to open the meeting to the public with all Council voting aye.

Mayor Cowling-Carson 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 Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

RES 2017:189

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2017:189 to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to come out of Executive Session with all Council voting aye.

RES 2017:180

Resolution to Approve a Shared Service Agreement by and between the Borough of Runnemede and the Borough of Magnolia regarding Municipal Court Services

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

RES 2017:182

Resolution to Emergently Appoint Megan Giordano, CTC as the Interim Tax Collector for the December 14, 2017 Tax Sale

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

RES 2017:186

Resolution Appointing Catherine Lawson as the Court Administrator

A Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the above resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote with the exception of Councilman Krause who abstained.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adjourn the meeting with all Council voting aye.

Prepared by:

Mark W. Godfrey
Deputy Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 Hour and 55 Minutes



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