

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2018

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, present
Councilman Steven Whalen, present
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, present

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Daniel Long, ESQ-Solicitor, Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Phyllis Twisler, RMC-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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from January 18, 2018 were distributed and are subject to approval.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RES 2018: 47

Resolution appointing the 3-Year Cooperation Agreement with the County of Camden

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

RES 2018: 48

Resolution appointing Department of Public Works Laborer – Donald E. Ferby

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

RES. 2018:49

Resolution made by Councilman Kruse and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to enter into a closed session to discuss matters of litigation, negotiations Attorney Client Privilege.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE

Mister Softee
Paul Sknow
901 Clements Bridge Rd.
Runnemede, NJ 08078

A motion made by Councilman Whelan and seconded by Councilman Krause to **Table** the Business License for Mr. Softee to the next scheduled Council Meeting February 15, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince –
Absent

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen reported that the CFO is working on the 2018 budget and this year the Borough will be under State Review. Also, there will be decisions made on the budget review and trash truck.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa gave a report stating that 20tons of salt has been used so far this year and 3 tons of patch have been used on the streets. Trash and Recycling rates will remain the same.

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

Councilwoman Martz announced that the reports were in the drop box, and she had attended the Reorganization for Planning/Zoning Board and the new members have passed all the testing required. Royal Farms will be attending the April Planning/Zoning Board Meeting

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

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 the sprinkler system is completed and working with Mark and Jay and getting quotes for the front doors to be replaced at Borough Hall and looking to replace the court chairs.

Also, the issue with the roof needs to be addressed, maybe look into Solar Panels. Looking into some repairs for the Rec Center also.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson reported that there is a new Senate Bill S1100 for property tax reduction and Senate Bill S1162 reverse 911 system also the budget will be an electronic submission. Also AFS is extended to 2/26/18.

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 requested a closed session

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

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OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause at 8:30 pm to adjourn.

Prepared by:

Phyllis Twisler, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes



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