

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 21, 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:**

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Police Chief Rob Stetser, Paul Wolf, Fire Chief, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, Christine Pippet, Acting Clerk, Jay Miles, DPW Supervisor

**"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 June 6, 2018 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes except Councilman DePrince, Councilman Krause, Councilman Saxton as they were not present at the June 6, 2018 meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2018-91**

Resolution Authorizing the Renewal and Issuance of Alcoholic Beverage License for Colombo Liquor Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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**RESOLUTION 2018-92**

Resolution authorizing the renewal and issuance of alcoholic beverage license for Edwin I Johnson Post 370 American Legion

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2018-93**

Resolution providing for the insertion of a special item of revenue in the 2018 budget of the Borough of Magnolia pursuant to N.J.S.A.40a:4-87 Chapter 159, ol 1948 being \$8,566.97 from clean communities

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2018-94**

Resolution authorizing the governing body to certify the local finance board of the State of New Jersey that all member of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum the section of the annual audit entitled; general comments and recommendations

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2018-95**

Resolution to remove 1996 trash truck from inventory

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2018-96**

Resolution of award of contract to Landberg Construction for reconstruction of W. Adams, E. Adams, & Brooke Ave.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2018-97**

Resolution to authorize tax lien for maintenance of vacant property

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

**SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE** –Absent

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION** – Councilman Whalen advised that there were not findings at the exit conference with the Auditors on June 8, 2018.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY** –Councilwoman Bonamassa discussed that we are working on the email conversion. The pricing from the existing email host to office 365 was very good. Public Works is working on cleaning out the pond, they have pumped out the water and are working on clearing the brush and leaves.

**PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING** – Councilwoman Martz reported that they are looking to get a time line for the work that is being completed at the property located at 706 W. Lincoln, they are looking to get this project expedited. 315 N. E. Atlantic Ave., is bank owned the current lienholder is looking to demolish, trying to get a time line for that project too. Crestview Development has applied for building permits on the vacant lots, this has been turned over to the Planning Board solicitor for review

**PUBLIC EVENTS** – Councilman Krause reported that festivities for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 are all set. A brief discussion ensued in regard to nominees for Volunteer of the Year, Magnolia Medal, business Award winners will be announced at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. The dedication of the community center is set for July 14, 2018 invites being sent.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Councilman Saxton gave updates as to the various projects that have been done and are scheduled. Public Works replaced the water heater that was leaking and also fixed the pitch in the sewer pipe on the police side of the building.

**MAYOR**-Mayor Cowling Carson discussed with Council all of the events that are scheduled. She further went on to discuss Senator Sweeny's announcement of a proposal to eliminate towns that have a population of less than 5,000. She also advised that she was in receipt of a letter inviting Magnolia to participate in a program called "Project Save". This is a voluntary program for

**ENGINEER REPORT** – Mark Bashore advised that a preconstruction meeting was held with South Jersey Gas, in regard to the gas main replacement along the entire length of Camden Avenue. Atlantic Avenue has not yet been submitted. Currently our ordinance does not permit a fee for any work being performed within the park strip. It has been suggested that we revisit the ordinance and revise if needed. He also discussed that New Jersey American Water has requested a permit located at 114 Lincoln Ave., this road is under a moratorium. New Jersey American is requesting a waiver of the fees associated with the moratorium street as when the roadway was resurfaced the valve that needs to be replaced was paved over.

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**Resolution 2018-98**

**Resolution to waive Roadway opening Moratorium fees due to a hardship**

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative, with the exception of Councilman Krause who voted No.

Mr. Bashore advised further that Royal Farms is seeking a bond reduction, a punchlist is being prepared once all outstanding items have been addressed a bond reduction will be addressed. Albertson Park is at a standstill as we await for the lights arrive. The municipal building roof specs have been prepared and are out to bid. Bid Opening is scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 10:00 A. M.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – Dan Long, Solicitor differed to closed session

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- Moving forward with the Redevelopment plan as discussed previously ½ will be paid at the present time and the second ½ will be paid after January.  
2018-100 Resolution authorizing Engineering Services for redevelopment study  
A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**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 Bonamassa. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**FIELD USAGE REQUEST:**

- Magnolia Public Schools (Soccer)
  - Monday-Friday 3:15pm - 5:30 pm

A motion was made by Councilman Saxton and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Krause.

NO ONE APPEARED

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Saxton. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen at 9:33 to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Prepared by:

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Christine Pippet  
Acting Borough Clerk  
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 2 Hour 33 mins.



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