

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 19, 2018**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, present  
Councilman Anthony DePrince, present  
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, Solicitor, Steve Bach, Engineer, Police Chief Rob Stetser, 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.

Official copies should 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.

**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 21, 2018 closed session and regular session 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.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**2018-101**

A resolution requesting permission for the dedication by rider for the affordable housing trust fund.

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

**2018-102**

A resolution requesting permission for the dedication by rider for reserve for COAH fees.

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

**2018-103**

A resolution authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to adjust due date and grace period for 2018 third installments of taxes.

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

**2018-104**

Resolution to authorize tax lien for maintenance of vacant property.

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

**2018-105**

Resolution to authorize a refund of permit fees for 209 E. Monroe Ave.

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

**2018-106**

Resolution to Reject Bids for the Municipal Building Roof Replacement.

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

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE** –Reports have been submitted in writing. The Chief of Police and Councilman DePrince attended a meeting regarding a new digital mapping system in case of an active shooter, the entire county will be able to view locations etc. during and active shooting. Also met with the Judge, Chief and Mayor regarding project save. This is a county run program that Magnolia would like to participate in.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION** – Councilman Whalen advised that the tax increase will be approximately \$15.00 a month per household. He also discussed that he will be meeting with the office staff and reviewing policy and procedures and the like.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY** –Councilwoman Bonamassa commended the public work supervisor for the hard work that his department showed for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 celebration. The Mayor also thanked the public works supervisor for the cleanup on Madison Lane. Councilwoman Bonamassa also advised that she would be meeting with the school regarding a recycling program. There has been discussion about other improvement projects such as a gazebo replacement and volleyball courts at Albertson Park.

**PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING** – Councilwoman Martz reported that Mavis Tire would be going before the Planning Board on July 25 and that Crestview Towers would also be appearing before the Planning Board. The planning board engineer has submitted some revisions to the existing sign ordinance and will be forthcoming. She further advised that Coventry Place has over 165 issues and are not cooperating. The State will be doing the necessary inspections. All other reports have been submitted in writing.

**PUBLIC EVENTS** –Councilman Krause thanked everyone for a successful July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration along with a great dedication ceremony that was held this past Saturday. He further discussed that the Albertson Park lights are in and P S E & G will do a final connection.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** -Absent

**MAYOR** - The Mayor discussed more on the project save program. She further discussed the project at the White Horse Pike and Evesham Avenue is scheduled to be completed by December 2018. On October 6, 2018 we will be hosting a tiara tea for the Little Miss winners. The theme this year will be Breakfast at Tiffany's.

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**ENGINEER REPORT** – Mark Basehore advised that the engineering report has been submitted in writing. He advised that Camden County 2018 project letters are currently being distributed.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – Daniel Long, Solicitor reported that he will be sending an email regarding the Crestview Ave Project.

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen.

Joyce Albright of 513 W. Evesham Avenue approached and was inquiring as to who was responsible for dead carcass on the weekends. Ms. Albright was advised to contact the Magnolia Police non-emergency number.

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at 8:29 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: 1 Hour 29 mins.