

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, late arrival (arrived at 8:50)
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

John Moustakas, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Police Chief Stetser, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Christine Pippet, Acting 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. 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 July, 19, 2018, August 16, 2018 Closed and regular session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded Councilman Saxton to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes.

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BUSINESS LICENSE:

Scotto Pizza
811 W. Evesham Ave.
Block: 8.01 Lot: 3

Sally Guo, is now the owner of Scotto's pizza, she explained to council that everything will be kept the same. She only purchased the pizzeria. There was discussion as to the outside maintenance, and she advised that the owner of the property is responsible for that, she will have it taken care of as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Saxton for the approval of the business license. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

Katharine Roberto
US Power Savers
State Funded Solar/New Jersey Clean Energy Program

Katharine Roberto, discussed that she is from US Power Savers which is a state funded solar company. She will be soliciting Monday through Saturday and will be solo. She will not be out past dusk.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz for the approval of the Solicitors' license for a 12 month period. Roll Call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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by completing an Open Public Record Act Request Form. Contact us
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2018-122

Resolution authorizing the execution of the utility and construction agreement amendment to UECA-19-ADA SOUTH CON #4-154230 between the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Borough of Magnolia.

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen And Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS

2018-129

Resolution Authorizing a Cooperative Pricing Agreement Contract between the Borough of Magnolia and Various Vendors for Copy, Computer Paper and Envelopes

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A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen And Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2018-130

Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Vacant Property

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen And Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2018-131

Resolution to Refund Payment of Veteran Deduction for the Property Located At 620 N. Walnut Avenue

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen And Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2018-132

Resolution Authorizing a Refund Due to the Homestead Benefit for the property located at 235 W. Lincoln Avenue

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen And Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2018-133

Resolution authorizing approval for a wall mural at AAA Hobbies/Stevens International

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 Saxton who opposed.

2018-134

Resolution authorizing Bach Associates, PC to prepare NJDOT grant application for municipal aid for roadway improvements Paulson and Fern Avenue and Wilson Road and 700 Block Of Madison Avenue as Priority #1

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz And Seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2018-135

Resolution authorizing Bach associates, PC to prepare NJDOT grant application for municipal aid (bikeway) for multi-use path and lighting at Alberston Park as priority #2

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and Seconded by Councilman Saxton. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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2018-136

Resolution authorizing Bach associates, PC to prepare NJDOT grant application for safe streets to school pedestrian sign at Albertson/Evesham Avenue.

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen And Seconded by Councilman Krause Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2018-137

Resolution Authorizing Rejection of All Bid and Re-Bid for the Camden County CDBG Year 39 Project; Traffic Calming Measures (Speed Humps)

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and Seconded by Councilman Saxton. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE –Councilman DePrince discussed a small kitchen fire that took place at Amber Court. It started in the kitchen on the 2nd floor unit. There was a disabled person on the 1st floor that was difficult to get out.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen discussed that things have been quiet, we will be getting ready for our tax sale on November 7th, 2018. He also advised that the Administrator and office staff is working on updating the employee manual. We will also be working on the budget process for next year, and to start thinking of things you may need to be included for next year.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY –Councilwoman Bonamassa announced that additional grant money has been received for Albertson park. She advised that the Recycling program has been turned over to the school. The Department of Public Works is also in need of additional staff. There was also a discussion in regard to the contamination levels associated with our recycling. Republic Services will be implementing an additional fee for loads delivered that exceed 10% of contamination. She further discussed that she has obtained some information about the “Know Your Neighbor” and wanted to have them come to a meeting and discuss more about the program.

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PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz reported that there have been 32 complaints. Our housing inspector will be inspecting Amber Court fire. She also advised that she had a meeting with Forrest gate apartments. Pro-Champions has collected \$5,30.00 for 16 cases and has submitted the fee to the Borough.

PUBLIC EVENTS –Councilman Krause discussed upcoming events that are in the works with the recreation committee. The Halloween Parade will be on Saturday, October 27. There has been some discussion as to having a trunk or treat and doing a pumpkin decorating contest instead of Scarecrow Contest. They will also be having hayrides. There was additional discussion regarding the holiday tree lighting and senior luncheon.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised that the new doors have been installed, and the roof project will soon be underway. The sign out front looks very nice with the bricks around it. The gazebo in Albertson Park needs to be cleaned up and dead trees removed. There are repairs to the Community Center and the Municipal building is in need of painting of the court hallway.

MAYOR - The Mayor advised that she and the Police Chief attended a Project SAVE meeting on September 11, 2018. She further discussed that she had a meeting with Camp 99 in regard to miscellaneous issues and the possibility of extending the lease early. Camp 99 would like to add some fencing and possibly something near the entrance way. Unanimously Council has decided that we wait until Spring to make any changes to the existing lease. There was further discussion in regard to medical and recreational marijuana. Any council member that would like to reach out to the mayor or solicitor please do so. There was also a discussion regarding the football fields and how infested it is with mosquito's. The County will be spraying on Friday. There was also discussion regarding the people disregarding the stop sign at Atlantic Avenue and Lincoln Ave.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore advised that the engineering report has been submitted in writing. He further advised that roof contracts have been executed and they will be scheduling a preconstruction meeting. Brooke Avenue will be done prior to school starting. Adams Ave should be done soon. Final change orders for phase I have been processed

SOLICITOR REPORT – John Moustakas, Solicitor has nothing to report at this time

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by treasury for approval and individual vouchers are available for review.

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

Will Merget 204 Jackson Ave., Magnolia, NJ 08049 Mr. Merget is the owner and founder of Blue Dream Vapor in Voorhees. He is looking to transition his business from Voorhees to Magnolia. He is looking into purchasing the Woodstone Grill, and with this transition he maybe interested in expanding his business to include medicinal and recreational marijuana. He is very much aware of the laws and regulations surrounding this activity.

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 Councilman Krause at 9:01 to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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Prepared by:

Christine Pippet
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 2 Hour 01mins.