

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 05, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4, Open Public Meetings Law, notice was given to two newspapers and posted, that a council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Wednesday, March 05, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Councilman Donald Wilson who called out prior. Also present were the Engineer Mr. Basehore and the Solicitor Mr. Kennedy.

The CFO John Fabritiis and the Treasurer Gregory Anderson presented the overhead presentation of the 2014 Annual Budget.

There was a motion by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the public portion relating only to the budget. All Council voted aye.

Alex Esposito of Brooke Avenue inquired to the budget process.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close the public portion. All Council voted aye.

Councilman Whalen thanked the dynamic duo for their hard work in the presentation.

A motion was made by Councilman Michielli, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt the regular and executive minutes for the meeting of February 20, 2014. All Council voted aye.

**Old Business:**

Previously Tabled

Ordinance 2014:03 regarding Road Opening amendment was discussed. A motion by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt the amendment to the ordinance were made with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:58 to introduce the 2014 annual budget. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:59 to accept the resignation of Kevin McGowan and to appoint Michael Waters as the 40 hour SLEO II. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:60 to appoint Matthew Wolf as the Police Clerk. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Resolution 2014:61 to support the 2% cap on arbitration. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Resolution 2014:62 to refund a cat license fee in the amount of \$7.00 to Stan Eveanowsky since the cat had died. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen stated he will submit the Treasurer's Report in writing.

#### Committee Reports

Councilman DePrince stated the 2014 Safety Contract was submitted by the JIF for execution. The JIF also issued a procedure to follow for pot hole complaints. The new fire truck is moving along at the factory and the new ambulance should be arriving soon. He stated the court revenue is up and so is the case load at each session. 4 new court sessions have been added to the 2014 schedule. The update of the emergency management plan is being worked on.

Councilman Whalen stated the department evaluations should be completed by now.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the DPW report is in the dropbox. The hardware and software of the borough systems are being reviewed by Mr. D'Amico.

Councilwoman Martz reported on the status of the cat and dog licenses to date for 2014. The Sanders proposed drawing was reviewed and she stated there may be a buyer for St. Gregory's site.

Councilman Michielli reported the JIF Safety Breakfast is set for March 25, and the JIF meeting which was held at the Magnolia Borough Hall on February 24 went well. The Miss Magnolia is tentatively set for April 26, and the Easter Egg Hunt plans are moving along.

The Engineer stated the CDBG application for on March 5 was submitted for the completion of Bryant Avenue. Also year 36 funding was agreed for King Street road improvements.

The Solicitor stated he had one issue for closed session.

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

John DiBartolomeo representing the Magnolia Little League and Michael Bonamassa representing the Magnolia Girls Softball were both present. They explained the reasoning to change the opening day parade to April 12, but to keep the Clean Communities Day still on April 5. It was agreed to change the parade to April 12 still at 12 noon.

Alex Esposito of Brooke Avenue inquired about OPRA. The Clerk explained the process to him.

Peg Millisky of Otterbranch Drive inquired to the status of the FedEx traffic light. It was explained the hold up was with Conrail.

Alex Esposito of Brooke Avenue explained some of his concerns with FedEx and UPS trucks back up alarms. The Mayor told him to report this to the County Department of Health.

Kelley Stoudt was present and inquired to the possibility of having a Mr. Magnolia contest.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to close the public portion. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Michielli, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve payment of the bills. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:63 to designate the year 36 funding for CDBG for the King Street paving. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:57 for a closed session for personnel regarding a Rice Notice to James Dobbins, and possible litigation with Walmart. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to end the closed session, with all Council voting aye.

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

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