

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013
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 Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. to take place at the Borough Hall, 438 West Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, NJ. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Mayor Cowling-Carson, Councilwoman Bonamassa and Councilman Michielli who all gave prior notice of their absence. Present also were the Engineer Mr. Basehore and the Solicitor Mr. Kennedy.

Councilman Whalen was presiding in place of the Mayor.

He recognized Eleanor Park who recently retired as a crossing guard after 30 plus years of service to the Borough of Magnolia. Councilman DePrince presented her with a plaque from the Borough, with Chief John Evans presenting her with a plaque from the Police Department. Dr. Pross the Superintendent of Magnolia Public Schools was present and he read a card which many employees at the school wrote kind words. He gave her a gift card and a basket with mums in it. Mrs. Park was very happy and grateful to all.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2013:142 for maintenance liens. The liens were for \$150. each to the following properties: 315 E. Evesham, 206 Otterbranch, 521 W. Evesham, 606 Harrison, 105 White Horse Pike, 101 Maryland, and 717 Harrison. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2013:143 to cancel court bail account checks in the amount of \$39.40 as requested by the Court Administrator. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2013:144 to authorize the refund of an electrical permit not needed for permit #12-115 in the amount of \$130.00. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Councilman DePrince reported a safety meeting will take place this coming Monday. Also the Fire Chief reported there was a change order for the fire truck which would be no cost from the manufacturer.

Councilman DePrince stated the Police Chief and the Treasurer have concluded on the new police vehicle with Cherry Hill Winner Ford and to finance with KNS Bank. A motion will be made for adoption of Resolution 2013:145 to authorize the purchase of the vehicle, the financing and to include the equipment required for the vehicle as well. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:146 to approve the change order for the new fire truck which has no cost on the fire truck purchase price. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013:147 to authorize the quarterly appointments of the SLEO II employees, with Councilwoman Martz making the second with all Council voting aye.

Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013:148 to authorize the quarterly appointments of the crossing guards, with Councilwoman Martz making the second with all Council voting aye, and Councilman Wilson abstaining.

Councilman DePrince also stated he and Chief Evans would be attending an Emergency Management seminar this weekend.

Councilman Whalen reported he is still requested all departments submit their 2014 budget requests with a 10% reduction.

DPW Supervisor Jay Miles gave an update on a recent injury to an employee from a tire on a trash truck. 100% recovery is expected.

Councilman Wilson stated a new basketball backboard is needed for the Community Center. One broke in moving it across the floor.

Councilwoman Martz reported all is well. The new massage business is working with Dan for their new façade sign.

Mark Basehore reported the State Aid application will be filed tomorrow. He is working on the DEP permitting required for the Community Center field work.

The Solicitor gave an update on the Walmart issue. He is going to try and get a meeting with the parties involved. Mark Basehore expressed concern with Taco Bell and the sewer line on the pike that has not been resolved.

The Clerk explained at the next meeting the State Best Practices Worksheet will be reviewed and confirmed for submission back to the State. Also reviewed was a curb weed notice to give residents who are not cleaning the curblines. All agreed this was needed.

Also discussed was the reorganization meeting for 2014. It was agreed to have it on Sunday, January 04, 2014 at 1pm for the business meeting, and 2pm for the ceremonial event. The dates for the 2014 summer of July and August was agreed upon to only hold the third Thursday of the month meeting and not two monthly meetings.

Councilman Whalen reviewed the abandonment of the paper street known as Gloucester Avenue off Evesham Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to introduce Ordinance 2013:15 to authorize the abandonment of the paper street and the sale of the property. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

No one from the public spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize the payment of bills. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye.

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