

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Thursday, September 18, 2014 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 Councilman Wilson who gave prior notice. Present also were the Solicitor Dan Long and Mark Basehore, Engineer.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the meeting minutes and executive minutes for the September 03, 2014 meeting. All Council voted aye.

No old business.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014:06 for an affidavit of redemption of Tax Sale Certificate for the fee of \$25.00 with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. The public hearing was closed. A motion by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2014:06 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014:07 to amend title 8 Health & Safety, Chapter 107 Buildings Unsafe or Unfit with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. The public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Ordinance 2014:07 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014:08 for a tax abatement for restaurants with more than 100 seats with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. The public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Ordinance 2014:08 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014:09 to amend 16.170-17H for Planning Board Fees related to legal fees, and all Council voted aye. No one from the public spoke. The public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Ordinance 2014:09 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2014:143 for 4 maintenance liens. \$150 each for 409 E. Evesha, 427 W. Evesham, 104 W. Evesham and 108 W. Evesham. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Resolution 2014:144 for the deer carcass removal contract through the County Purchasing Agreement. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:145 for a Chapter 159 for an Assistance to Firefighters FEMA grant in the amount of \$51,478. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:146 for a Chapter 159 for a Clean Communities grant in the amount of \$7,583.56. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:147 for a Chapter 159 for the Alcohol Education & Rehab grant in the amount of \$1,794.34. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2014:148 for a Chapter 159 for 3 Open Space grants awarded in prior years in the total amount of \$75,000. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Michielli to adopt Resolution 2014:149 to appoint SLEO II Louis Davey effective 9-29-14. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:150 for the quarterly appointments for the SLEO II positions. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2014:151 for the quarterly appointment of the crossing guards. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2014:152 to reject the bids received for the 2014 Road Project. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Councilman DePrince reported they held another meeting with the consultant who is provided by the County for the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The group is working on the plan which works on natural hazards of concern such as flooding, etc. especially in the eastern part of town, on White Horse Pike, Washington, Monroe, and Gloucester areas. The lack of infrastructure in these areas. A report then is generated. This report helps identify and document the issues for any funding available. Other energy options for facilities like the rec center in times of emergency. A link and info is on the website and in the newsletter. The study is then completed by the end of the year, approved by the county, state of NJ and then FEMA then back to the municipality to approve. The Fire Company went to the state convention and won several awards.

Councilman Whalen stated the annual budget was going well. He requested budget requests for the 2015 year to the Treasurer for review. He is eager for the proposals for the diagnostic machine for the DPW. The 100th anniversary committee has requested the Council members to attend their next meeting.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the IT consultant was here this week. The new computer equipment change over should be completed by November.

Councilwoman Martz reported the Oxford House was visited and clean up was completed. The new Construction Official was working out well. The Clerk reported on the update from Civil Service related to this position. Voorhees was a possibility for a shared service for the Housing Inspector. The Planning Board has two applications this month.

The Solicitor stated he reviewed the housing code and there is no provision for the installation of sidewalks at a property where no sidewalks exist for a resale inspection. An amendment was recommended for the next meeting.

Councilman Michielli stated the newsletter deadline is this week. He stated he reviewed the upcoming holiday events and is ready. He stated the JIF and HIF increase should be about 2.5%.

The Mayor reported to keep Councilman Wilson in your prayers during his current illness. She spoke about the need of maintenance at the rec center. The County will be doing one of their Flu Sites at the Magnolia Rec Center. The Health Department for the County is holding a summit meeting for all municipalities. She reported at this month's Mayors' Meeting there was a program regarding texting and driving and will offer 6 road signs to prevent this type of hazard.

The Engineer the pre-construction meeting for King Street will be scheduled and contracts are executed. Then speed humps will be installed for Monroe Avenue. The timeline after the rolling test on Lincoln Avenue will be forthcoming. The state aid application needs to be submitted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:153 to designate West Atlantic Avenue from Evesham to Brooke Avenues as the Municipal Aid Application and to authorize the Engineer to make such application. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

The Solicitor reported he had two topics for discussion in executive session which both are potential litigation relating to Walmart and the other Avi Auto.

It was agreed by Council to authorize the Solicitor to file the needed documents in Superior Court related to the two properties at 104 and 108 East Evesham Avenue.

The Clerk asked to confirm the date for the 2015 Reorganization Meeting. It was agreed it would be January 07, 2015 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Michielli, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to pay the bills. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2014:154 to authorize the Solicitor to settle the Walmart offer related to the traffic calming devices for Monroe Avenue and the sewer pipe issue on the White Horse Pike. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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

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