

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 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, February 20, 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 was excused and covering at the Community Center for the open gym night. Present also was the Solicitor Mr. Kennedy and Mark Basehore, Engineer.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the meeting minutes and executive minutes for the February 05, 2014 meeting. All Council voted aye.

Old Business:

Since there was not a definitive ordinance for fees and restoration plan a motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to table Ordinance 2014:03 to amend the road opening code. All Council voted aye.

New Business:

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2014:54 to support open space application for the Borough of Magnolia. All Council voted aye with Councilman Michielli abstaining.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:55 to support open space application by the Magnolia Girls Softball. All Council voted aye with Councilman Michielli abstaining.

Committee Reports

Councilman DePrince stated the new fire truck was coming along. The committee took a trip out to the plant in Pennsylvania to see the truck. The new ambulance is at the dealer with finishing touches being made. The police have received a \$5,000. grant entitled Distracted Driver Grant. A resolution accepting it is required.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:56 to accept the \$5,000. grant entitled Distracted Driver. All Council voted aye.

Councilman Whalen state he met with the CFO and Treasurer to finalize the 2014 budget. It will be presented at the March 5, 2014 meeting and introduced that night as well. The budget does not reflect the 10% reduction as desired.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the first meeting took place this evening with the DPW Union. In two weeks another meeting is scheduled. She stated her committee is reviewing other options for a tech consultant. The 2014 budget has capital funding for new computers.

Councilwoman Martz stated the Barrington Commerce Center will be coming to the planning board for additional parking. There was a meeting with Mr. Donofrio and the business which is adjacent to his on the White Horse Pike to resolve some issues.

Councilman Michielli stated there was a recreation meeting last week to discuss the Easter plans. The County stated they can not confirm participation in the 2015 100th town anniversary until they set their 2015 calendar in January 2015. The County HIF/JIF will hold their meeting this Monday at Magnolia. The Clean Community date has been set.

The Engineer stated he is working on submitting for the CDBG grant available for Bryant Avenue. Due date is March 05, 2014.

The Solicitor stated he had information for the executive session.

The Clerk reminded all about the online Safety Class. Councilman Whalen and Councilwoman Bonamassa confirmed they had already taken the class. Also the Baptist High School has confirmed they will apply and pay the borough related to the field use.

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

Peg Millisky inquired to the walking path being completed. She was told it was in place and she should go visit it and utilize it.

John Grandowicz, owner of a home on Otterbranch Drive was present. He expressed his recent issue he had in trying to sell his home using FHA financing and the decline of the property based on the proximity to the gas and diesel pumps at the DPW property. The tanks are legally placed. It was agreed the borough would assist if need be in any way they could to confirm the legality of the location of the pumps.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Michiellito close the public portion of the meeting. All Council voted aye.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Michielli, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2014:53 to enter into Closed Session. All Council voted aye.

This session was related to a Rice Notice to employee Kathleen Andress.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to come out of Closed Session. All Council voted aye.

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



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