

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 17, 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, October 17, 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. Present also were the Engineer Mr. Basehore and the Solicitor Mr. Kennedy.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2013:15 for the abandonment and the sale of Gloucester Avenue with all Council voting aye. No one spoke from the public. Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close the public portion with all Council voting aye. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Ordinance 2013:15 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

New Business:

Resolution 2013:153 was not needed for Maintenance Liens.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2013:154 to waive the air conditioner permit for the ambulance building. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2013:155 to appoint the Katherine Rauer and Lorie Rauer as the 2013 Rabies Clinic workers. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:156 to refund the tax overpayment for Block 3, Lot 15 in the amount of \$2,560.54. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:157 to authorize the execution of the county shared service agreement for salt and plow on county roads. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2013:158 to set the sale price for the section of Gloucester Avenue which was abandoned at \$35,000. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2013:159 to extend the Municipal Alliance grant term from January 2014 to June 2014. All Council voted aye.

#### Committee Reports

Councilman DePrince stated this past Monday there was a tactical team drill at the Magnolia Public School. There were various scenarios and a guest speaker. There will be a school liaison meeting on October 29.

Councilman Whalen stated he was waiting for a few departments still for the 2014 budget submissions. He asked for Council to review the personnel manual for any revisions they may want to make. He confirmed the upcoming tax sale.

The Mayor spoke about the emergency reporting system some towns are using. This was spoken about at the last county mayors' meeting. The company rep will come to a future meeting for review.

Councilwoman Bonamassa confirmed all the insurance recommendations for the parks have been completed. She stated a resident at Warwick and Maryland contacted her regarding drainage and it was confirmed it was not a DPW issue. She stated the DPW have completed the building decorations all up.

Councilwoman Martz stated she wanted to discuss in closed session.

Councilman Michielli stated there is an upcoming recreation meeting to discuss the holiday events. He asked residents to please put on their porch light for Halloween. The JIF and HIF fees have been set for 2014. There was discussion on entertainment and ideas for the holiday.

Councilman Wilson stated all was working well. He stated the rec center cleaner resigned and recommended to appoint Leedon Smith.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:160 to accept the resignation of Daniel Lewis and appoint Leedon Smith as the rec center cleaner at the same rate of pay as the prior person made. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Wilson recommended the rental fees for the rec center be increased.

The Mayor stated the one hour prior for setup of parties is not enough time for some parties.

The Engineer had nothing to report.

The Solicitor reported on an issue with one of the properties taken by NJDOT on the White Horse Pike with tax issues. He is working on the traffic calming devices meeting with Walmart.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Michielli to open the meeting up to the public with all Council voting aye.

Jillian Gant was present and stated she lived with her child's father in the home in question before leaving the home in the summer of 2012. The reason for leaving was financial and she was working with the bank. She also had taken another job which involved travel. She was concerned with the DPW removing the gate and fence panels to gain access into her yard. This was done when the grass was not being cut and maintained. She returned to the home recently after making an agreement with the bank. Council made it clear they had to maintain the home to avoid blight in the neighborhood. It was confirmed the borough will not be responsible to put the fence back the way it was prior to cutting the lawn.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close the public session with all Council voting aye.

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

Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013:152 to enter into Executive Session, with Councilman DePrince making a second, and all Council voting aye. This executive session was related to possible litigation with Jackson Trust.

Councilman Michielli made a motion to adjourn, with Councilwoman Martz made a second with all Council voting aye.