

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 17, 2019**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, present  
Councilman Anthony DePrince, present  
Councilman Richard Krause, present  
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present  
Councilman Odell Saxton, present  
Councilman Steven Whalen, present  
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, present

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Lt. Paris, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Christine Pippet, Acting Clerk

**"OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW" ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance of the "Open Public Meetings Law" and notices were sent to the Courier Post and The Central Record and other news media. In addition, the notice was provided on the Official Bulletin Board.

**EMERGENCY EXITS**

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated to please be aware in the event of an emergency, all persons in the courtroom should exit the courtroom quickly and orderly, using the two main doors in the courtroom and then locate the nearest exit to safety. In addition, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from January 7, 2019 Regular session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Matz and seconded Councilman Whalen to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**2019-39**

Resolution to Authorize a Refund of Permit Fees for 705 W. Lincoln Ave

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz a and Seconded by Councilman Saxton. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

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**2019-40**

Resolution Cancelling Balance for Sewer Account 1579-0

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen a and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

**2019-41**

Resolution for Deputy Tax Collector to Turn Over Funds from Tax Title Lien Account to Current Fund

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen a and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

**2019-42**

Resolution authorizing the return of unexpended escrow money for Scannel Urban renewal Magnolia, LLC (FedEx Ground Package Distribution)

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen a and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

**2019-43**

Resolution Authorizing Bach Associates, Pc to Prepare Specifications, Resolution Authorizing Bach Associates, Pc to Prepare Contract Specifications, Contract Documents and Engineer's Construction Estimate for Albertson Park Lighting Phase II

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause a and Seconded by Councilman Saxton. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

Shantel Grant

Eyelash Value

308 W. Evesham Ave, Suite A

As no one was present for this application a motion was made to table this application was made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Voice vote was affirmative.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE** –Councilman DePrince, stated that his reports have been submitted in writing. He also advised that there have been numerous complaints regarding the stop sign at Otterbranch and Harrison Ave.

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**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION** – Councilman Whalen advised that there were no transfers needed all year as everyone stayed within their budget. He further advised that he has a meeting scheduled with Shelley to review the upcoming budget. He also let everyone know that he is hopeful for an introduction at the Caucus meeting in February.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY** – Councilwoman Bonamassa advised that Public Works is working on preparing for the upcoming storm for the weekend. Could be snow could be rain. She also advised that there is work being done on a lot of our vehicles, and the Department is running short staffed again.

**PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING** – Councilwoman Martz advised that her report has been submitted in writing. She further discussed that the pilot program regarding the Chickens is coming to an end we need to decide if we are going to extend the pilot program or adopt an ordinance the committee is meeting in February.

**PUBLIC EVENTS** – Councilman Krause announced that thank you letters have been sent to everyone for participating in all of the holiday events in the month of December. Everything has been put away. He discussed that the Sterling Board of Education would rather not participate in fireworks at this time. He also discussed Albertson Park lighting project. He invited everyone to the Recreation Committee meeting on Sunday evening at 7:00 P. M.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Councilman Saxton gave thanks to the eyes and ears of the front office for assisting in getting projects complete. He Discussed that the basketball rental at the Community Center would like to pay hourly instead of monthly. He is willing to pay \$25 per hour. Basketball courts at the community center need to be replaced, and the roof is in need of repairs. He further advised that the new area rugs at the front door at the community center and Borough Hall have been donated. He has also requested quotes for a new cleaning service. The Police Doors have been ordered and should be installed soon. The painting has been put on hold temporarily as an issue has been uncovered.

**MAYOR** – The mayor reported that they Laurel Springs Mayor has been voted in as the Mayors Association President.

**ENGINEER REPORT** – Craig Reilly advised that the engineering report has been submitted in writing. He advised that they have a concept plan for the restriping of the community center parking lot. They have been able to get approximately 50 additional parking spaces. He further discussed that they are working on specifications for Phase II Albertson Park lighting, as we received \$25,000 from the

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open space grant. Mr. Reilly also advised that the monitoring wells that are located at the Department of Public Works can now be removed.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – Dan Long, Solicitor has 1 item for closed session.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

A list of the Claims has been submitted by treasury for approval and individual vouchers are available for review.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen.

Several Residents were in attendance wishing to speak in regard to the ongoing construction on the White Horse Pike and Evesham.

Eugene Martin  
512 E. Evesham Ave.

- Understands this is a state project and not ours has concerns regarding the safety.

Marilyn Mock  
400-500 Block of Evesham Ave.

- The noise level is excessive
- Sidewalks are gravel; and are unsafe

Michael Moore  
211 N. White Horse Pike

- Was inquiring if there was a State Ombudsman
- Took the sidewalks out over 2 years ago and nothing has been done; all gravel and unsafe
- The stop sign at Lakeview and Madison is constantly being disregarded

Charles Link  
402 E. Evesham Ave.

- Safety concerns
  - Sidewalks are all gravel
- Noise levels are excessive
- Construction lights shine into properties at night
- Property values are going down

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Robert Gomez  
515 E. Evesham

- Experiences sleep deprivation due to the times that work is being completed.
  - Children are suffering- lack of sleep, school grades are suffering
- Serious safety issues no real sidewalks

Bob Harper  
603 Evesham Ave.

- Baptist Church – Steps have been broken due to this work
- Church is now getting water in basement since project start

406 E. Evesham Rd.

- Heavy Equipment is hurting the foundation of his home
- Construction Company broke his drain pipe
- Bathroom has been destroyed because of broken pipe
- Cracks in the foundation of his home

Margarita Gomez

- Frustrated as her children are not getting the sleep that they need. Grades are suffering.

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor has been contacted by Patrick Stout; he is currently seeking an Eagle Scout project. As suggestion was made in regard to the gazebo in Albertson Park.

Miss Magnolia is scheduled for May 10, 2019.

Currently there are three (3) empty houses that are slated to be demolished.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**2018-144**

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to go into executive session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause at 9:42 to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Pippet", written over a horizontal line.

Christine Pippet  
Acting Borough Clerk  
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 2 Hour 42 mins.