

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2019

Meeting Call to Order

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

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

Other Officials Present

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

“Open public meetings law” announcement

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Law” and notices were sent to the Courier-Post and The Central Record and other news media. Also, 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. Also, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from September 19, 2019 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned minutes. All council present voted in favor.

Introduction of ordinances:

2019-7

An Ordinance of The Borough of Magnolia to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees According to C. 52:14-15f Et Seq.

Councilman Whalen gave a brief overview of the proposed Ordinance 2019-7

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen to Adopt ordinance 2019-7 on first reading and was Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-8

An ordinance amending Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Magnolia, Amending Chapter 137, Article VI, Amended fee schedule, Section 3.137-10 “Amendment to the fee schedule in the Borough”

Borough Clerk explained the fees for certified copies, fees are listed in two separate locations.

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interest, and tax sale costs for 113 N. White Horse Pike. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-167

Resolution appointing Special Law Enforcement Officer (Class II) Brent Collins

A Motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-167 appointing Special Law Enforcement Officer (Class II) Brent Collins. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-168

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

A Motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-168 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-169

Resolution Authorizing A One (1) Year Contract, with a second, and third-year option awarding of a cooperative pricing agreement between The Borough of Magnolia and the County of Camden, With Deer Carcass Removal Contract

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-169 Authorizing A One (1) Year Contract, with a second, and third-year option awarding of a cooperative pricing agreement between The Borough of Magnolia and the County of Camden, With Deer Carcass Removal Contract. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-170

Resolution Authorizing a refund of a Homestead Benefit Credit for the property known as Block: 6.04 Lot: 3; 211 Philips Ave.

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-170 Authorizing a refund of a Homestead Benefit Credit for the property known as Block: 6.04 Lot: 3; 211 Philips Ave. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-171

Resolution Authorizing a refund of a Homestead Benefit Credit for the property known as Block: 2.03 Lot 12; 145 W Lincoln Ave.

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-171 Authorizing a refund of a Homestead Benefit Credit for the property known as Block: 2.03 Lot 12; 145 W Lincoln Ave. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-172

Resolution to refund the overpayment of property taxes for the property known as 512 N. Warwick Rd, Block 6.12, Lot 14

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A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Saxton to authorize resolution 2019-172 Resolution to refund the overpayment of property taxes for the property known as 512 N. Warwick Rd, Block 6.12, Lot 14. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-173

Resolution to refund the overpayment of property taxes for the property known as 122 W. Adams Avenue, Block: 1.12 Lot: 4

2019-174

Resolution authorizing participation with the Borough of Magnolia and South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) natural gas service bid.

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-174 authorizing participation with the Borough of Magnolia and South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) natural gas service bid. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-175

Resolution of The Borough of Magnolia Waiving Appearance Before the Magnolia Joint Land Use Board

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-175 Resolution of The Borough of Magnolia Waiving Appearance Before the Magnolia Joint Land Use Board. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-176

Authorizing the Appointment to Work the Rabies Clinic

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Saxton to authorize resolution 2019-176 Authorizing the Appointment to Work the Rabies Clinic Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative, aside from Councilman Whalen who abstained.

2019-177

Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase System, Contract #A88728 Authorizing Purchase of One (1) 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle

A Motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution 2019-177 Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase System, Contract #A88728 Authorizing Purchase of One (1) 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-178

Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to File The 2019 Best Practice Inventory Worksheet to The Division of Local Government Services

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-178 Authorizing the Borough Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to File The 2019 Best Practice Inventory Worksheet to The Division of Local Government Services. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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2019-179

A Resolution Requesting Permission for The Dedication by Rider for Storm Recovery Trust Fund Required by PI2013, C.271 and NJS 40a:4-62.1

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-179 Requesting Permission for The Dedication by Rider for Storm Recovery Trust Fund Required by PI2013, C.271 and NJS 40a:4-62.1. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Reorganization Meeting

- As January 1st is the first Wednesday of the month, we need to adjust the date, due to various conflicts. It was decided that January 2, 2019, at 7:00 will be the Annual Re-Organization meeting.

Property @ Warwick Rd. and W. Atlantic

- A discussion was had regarding the little lot of land on Warwick Road and W. Atlantic Avenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince gave a brief overview of a meeting that was held with NJDOT concerning the project at the White Horse Pike and Evesham Road. Fire prevention night was a success. Councilman DePrince also advised that he along with Chief Paris will attend the “Project Save” meeting that will be Friday, October 18, 2019.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised Council that Department Budgets are due at this time. He also gave a reminder to the professionals to get all bills submitted. He further advised all Department heads that there will be no large purchases until the next budget year. Any open purchase orders should be closed out.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa briefly discussed that she will be meeting with Dennis Reid regarding the gazebo rehabilitation project and landscaping around the gazebo. She also advised that she and Councilman Whalen met with Mike Mangold concerning the upgrade of the computers. A quote should be in within the next week and a possible update in the Spring of 2020. Discussions are being held regarding the manpower at the Department of Public works and the amount of recycling that is being picked up, possible changes will be coming. Also, there is a need for additional/new Christmas lights a discussion with Councilman Krause and Mr. Miles will be occurring to come up with an economical solution.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that they have met with potential Construction Officials, they have until December 31, 2019, to hire a replacement. Planning Board is scheduled to have a meeting on October 23, 2019, the Redevelopment resolution will be on that meeting. She also reminded everyone that the Rabies Clinic will be held on November 2, 2019, at the pavilion at Albertson Park.

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PUBLIC EVENTS –Councilman Krause discussed the various upcoming planned events, Pumpkin Decorating Contest along with the Halloween Parade. Wawa will be sponsoring the prizes. Shoprite also made donations. The newsletter is out.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised that the water heater at the Recreation Center and needs to be replaced; the painting at the Community Center is completed. He further discussed that he has been in contact with the cleaning people regarding the courtroom floor. There are more leaks in the Community Center roof, and we are looking to move forward with Phase II of that project. The rear door at the Police Department is being replaced as it was not functioning properly. The Fire Panel also needs to be upgraded and is being replaced. The tinting on the Courtroom windows will be installed in the next week or two, so we will be compliant with the requirements. Councilman Saxton is also looking at sprucing up around our electronic sign out front, perhaps adding more blocks and flowers. Mr. Miles was also in the process of having a contractor give us a quote to replace lighting both at Borough Hall and the Community Center. Mr. Miles advised that the contractor stated the lighting can be completed at no charge to the Borough, through a rebate program.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling Carson reminded everyone that the flu clinic will be at the Community Center on October 31, 2019, from 1-3. She further announced that Stratford will be holding a Little Miss Stratford Pageant at Yellen School on Saturday.

ENGINEER REPORT –Mark Basehore submitted his report in writing.

SOLICITOR REPORT –Mr. Long advised Council that he has 1 item for closed session.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by the treasurer 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 DePrince to open this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Peg Mallisky, Otterbranch Drive Magnolia, NJ 08049 Stated that if we were looking at recycling every other week that a flyer is put in with the Calendar that is circulated at the end of the year.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2019-180

Resolution to Authorize Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to enter closed session. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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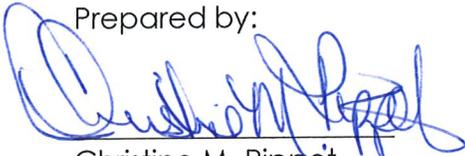
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to exit the closed session. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Mayor Cowling Carson asked for Council opinion on the Holiday Luncheon. Council agreed on the luncheon being held at the Laughing Fox Tavern.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by:



Christine M. Pippet
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 9:40 PM