

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 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 November 6, 2019, were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to approve the aforementioned minutes. All council present voted in favor, aside from Councilwoman Martz who abstained

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

2019-13

Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 142, Article II, Fire Prevention, In the Code Of The Borough Of Magnolia

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A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-13 Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 142, Article II, Fire Prevention, In the Code of The Borough of Magnolia with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Krause to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt Ordinance 2019-13 Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 142, Article II, Fire Prevention, In the Code of The Borough of Magnolia with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A discussion was had regarding cybersecurity, we will be adopting a resolution at our next meeting to submit to JIF our security response plan for Cybersecurity incidents should they occur.

A brief discussion regarding our annual Re-Organization meeting was had. Our Annual Reorganization meeting will be held on January 2, 2020. Council was encouraged to review the current appointees and advise of any changes. It has been requested that any special invites for Councilman DePrince and Councilwoman Bonamassa be sent to the Clerk.

Discussion regarding the Holiday Luncheon for employees ensued. Council would like to have this away from Borough Hall if possible. It was requested the Chief Paris, and Jay Miles, get an approximate headcount of employees that would attend along with spouses.

A discussion was had in regard to the December 19, 2019 meeting. This meeting will be canceled and rescheduled for December 30th, 2019 at 10:00 A. M.

Additional discussion regarding the installation of the Christmas lights and the need for rent/buy or borrow equipment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince submitted his report in writing. A discussion was had concerning the insurance claim for the flood at the fire department since the onsite walkthrough of the damage, there has been significant progress.

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Open to Public

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to open this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Tyron Pott, 130 LaPierre Ave., approached Council in regard to his recent rental of the Community Center. Mr. Potts described to Council that his event was to be held on November 8 at the Community Center. He was questioning as to the event was cancellation due to lateness and he was not aware of this stipulation. There was a timeline of phone calls that were discussed it was determined that Mr. Potts, had until 5:45 or the event would be canceled. Mayor along with Council agreed that 45 minutes was a reasonable amount of time to allow for lateness and that Mr. Potts would not be refunded the \$50.00 deposit, as we had to still pay for the Community Center Opener, for his time.

Odessa Cobb, 116 Lakewood Ave, approached Council and was inquiring as to the Redevelopment Plan. She was advised that the plan has not been completed just yet. Once we receive approval from DCA in regard to the area in need, we can then present a plan.

Annabelle O'Brien, 608 Otterbranch, approached Council. Mrs. O'Brien advised of the ongoing issues with her neighbor at 610 Otterbranch Drive. She was giving a notice of violation from the Construction office in regard to her fence being on the neighboring property by 2.5". She was advised that the fence must come down. The fence has been in that location for over 30 years. Mrs. O'Brien was advised that this matter was a Civil matter that would need to be presented to a Judge to make a determination as to the removal/replacement/relocation of the fence. Natalie O'Brien, 608 Otterbranch Drive, spoke regarding the fence and the removal/replacement/relocation and that there would be a gap in between the fences and who would be responsible for maintaining that area.

Ben Loatman, 23 Stoney Hollow Sicklerville, approached Council and introduced himself, he is the Knights football president. The football association is looking to upgrade/update and dress up their location at the Community Center. They have been awarded a grant from Lowes Home Improvement for a new building. Tyra Berry, 8 Pennsylvania Ave., explained to that Lowes has awarded their neighborhood grant to the Knights Youth Football, and they will be performing the installation. They are requesting permission for placement on Borough property. Mayor and Council have requested additional information prior to approving. They have suggested that plans be presented for review.

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CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

2019-188

Resolution to Enter into Closed Session

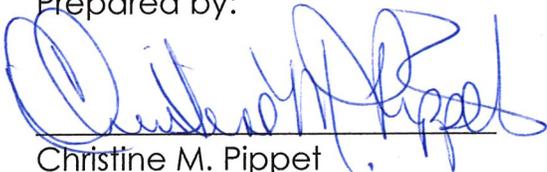
A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to enter closed session. All Council voted aye by voice vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to exit closed session. All Council voted aye by voice vote.

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