# MINUTES
# BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
# COUNCIL MEETING
# April 19, 2018

## 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

## OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

John Mustakis, ESQ, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Police Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, 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 April 4, 2018 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded Councilman Krause to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes except Councilman DePrince, Councilman Whalen, and Councilman Saxton who abstained since they were not present at the April 4, 2018 meeting.

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## FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

**Ordinance 2018:04**
A Bond Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia authorizing miscellaneous road improvements and acquisition of trash truck.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, second by Councilwoman Martz that Ordinance 2018-04 be adopted on first reading.

Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**Ordinance 2018:05**
Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 142 entitled Fire Prevention.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, second by Councilman Whalen that Ordinance 2018-05 be adopted on first reading.

Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

## SECONDED READING OF ORDINANCES

**Ordinance 2018:03**
Ordinance for Calendar Year 2018 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public. There being no one desiring the floor, A motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Saxton, Seconded by Councilman Krause. Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, second by Councilwoman Martz that Ordinance 2018-03 be adopted as read on second reading. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried

Public Hearing of 2018 Annual Budget

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public. There being no one desiring the floor, A motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Whalen, Seconded by Councilwoman Martz.

## RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2018-69**
Resolution to Adopt 2018 Annual Budget

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-70**
Resolution authorizing a refund due to the homestead benefit for a 100% disabled veteran property, located at 504 W. Brooke Avenue.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-71**
Resolution for Deputy Tax Collector to turn over funds from tax title lien account to current fund in the amount of $37,600.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-72**
Resolution appointing Department of Public Works laborer Kevin A. Banks.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-73**
Resolution to approve a shared service agreement for the renewal of the shared services agreement by and among the boroughs of Barrington, Lawnside, Oaklyn, Magnolia, Hi-Nella and Mount Ephraim relative to providing of certain bureau of fire prevention services by the Borough of Barrington.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-74**
Resolution authorizing a refund due to the homestead benefit for a 100% disabled veteran property, located at 211 Philips Avenue.

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

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

None

**SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:**

None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE** –Councilman DePrince reported that all three Public Safety entities has been awarded the Best of the South Jersey 2018 with the Courier Post. This will be officially announced in a publication.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION** – Councilman Whalen thanked everyone for their cooperation with the preparation and adoption of the 2018 budget. He reminded everyone to keep a watch on your spending at the same time be sure that your departments have what they need.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY** – Councilwoman Bonamassa thanked Jay and staff at the Department of Public Works for the work that was done at the softball field for opening day.

**PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING** – Councilwoman Martz advised that the Green Garden and Regency apartment complexes are up for sale. Coventry Place currently has an 85% failure rate on the annual inspections. Royal Farms will be attending the April 25, Planning/Zoning Board Meeting for the signage.

**PUBLIC EVENTS** – Councilman Krause, thanked Jay for the work that was completed for opening day for Magnolia Little League. The Miss Magnolia pageant will be held on April 28th, 2018. Movies night at Albertson Park is scheduled for May 12, 2017. Vince Pappale will be present and will be donating $5.00 for every book that he sells at the event. . Youth in Government day is set for May 17, 2018. The Memorial Day parade is being planned, and we are hoping for a large parade. July 4th, 2018 festivities are also in the planning stages, vendor letters will be going out shortly. The parade will run from 10 am until 2 pm. National night out is also in its planning stages.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Councilman Saxton advised that a contractor will be coming out on Monday to meet with the Business Administrator and Public Works supervisor. He further discussed that budget estimated on the Municipal Building Roof replacement have been received. He also discussed taking some paver blocks that are not being used at the recreation center and make a box around the Borough sign for plantings and such for some beautification of Borough Hall. National Night out is currently in the planning stages.

**MAYOR** reported that she had attended the renaming of Berean Baptist Church to Milestone Church. Pastor Bill made it known that he attended the Magnolia Little League opening day and took note that there was issues with the speaker system and will be making a donation to the Little League to go towards a replacement. She further reported that she had gone to a medical marijuana facility in Baltimore. There will be a lot of work that will need to take place should recreational use of marijuana come to fruition. She also advised that there is a grant available for a plug in station for electric vehicles. The station itself would be free however, the installation would be a cost that the Borough would incur. Before we go ahead and apply we should discuss if there is a need and the best location for placement.

**ENGINEER REPORT** – Mark Bashore, advised Mayor and Council that Steve Bach, will be attending our next council meeting to present the Redevelopment Area along the White Horse Pike.

He further discussed that he had a preconstruction meeting in regard to the Albertson park lighting. The contractor is well aware that this is an active park and site safety is a big concern. Contractor is anticipating that a majority of the work will be completed by late April beginning of May.

A question arose in regard to a handicapped parking space at Little League. The location of the spot was approved to be in that location. To repair/replace or relocate the spot could either be a 3 quote or could be included with another bid. Should we include in another bid it would most likely be cost effective.

On Monday, during the rain storm he received a call from the Acting Clerk in regard to a complaint received from a resident at 211 E. Monroe Ave. The residents' complaint is that he believes that Royal Farms basin is not working properly and is causing water in his basement. An inspection was performed and everything seems to be working properly and has been constructed according to the approved plan.

A discussion took place in regard to the roof estimates, options and warranty information. It was determined that option 2 would be our best option. Mark will prepare a spec package accordingly so we can move forward with the roof replacement.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – John Moustakis, Esq. is present for Dan Long, Esq. who had an issue that required his attention. Mr. Moustakis advised at this time there is nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Field Usage Request – Magnolia Fire Company, has a baseball team that would like to utilize our fields.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

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

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## OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

Chief Paul Wolf, Magnolia Fire Department; expressed his concern in regard to a safety plan during snow storms. The fire department needs to be able to get apparatus in an out with the snow. They are seeking to acquire a snow plan and have installed on an existing vehicle. The approximate cost is $4,500.00. If this is not feasible they are requesting additional help in keeping the snow cleared on the property and driveway.

## CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

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

There was discussion regarding the Bingo applications that have been submitted that have been denied and returned from Legalized Games of Chance. LGCCC has returned 2 applications for Bingo because they cannot be held at the Community Center because it is a government owned building and does not have a renters' license. There is an annual fee along with a fee per use that the Borough would be required to pay to LGCCC. A further review will need to be completed prior to a decision being made. Currently, there are no "Bingo" locations within the Borough.

## ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen at 8:40 to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by:

Christine Pippet
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes