

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2019

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

All present pledged their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

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, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Lieutenant Scott Paris, Mark Godfrey, Borough Administrator, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works Supervisor

“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 18, 2019 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes except for Councilman Krause who abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD AND THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to open this meeting to the public. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

At this time, Solicitor Long provided an analysis on the cost savings the Borough of Magnolia would benefit from by way of adopting this Shared Service Agreement.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to close this meeting to the public. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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Resolution to approve a Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Haddonfield, and the Borough of Magnolia for Tax Collector Services.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt the above-mentioned resolution. Councilman Krause questioned the split of compensation between the two Borough's. Solicitor Long responded with the percentage breakdown of the split between the two towns. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-94

Resolution authorizing the Temporary Chief Financial Officer to Conduct a Sale of Bond Anticipation Notes

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt the above-mentioned resolution.

Councilman Whalen briefly explained the need for this resolution.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

2019-95

Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Santreano Antonio Clemente

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt the above-mentioned resolution.

Councilwoman Bonamassa clarified the need to adopt this resolution to correct the hourly rate of the employee appointed.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

2019-96

Resolution Placing a Municipal Lien on the Property Located at 432 E. Ashland Ave in the Borough of Magnolia for all Costs Associated with Demolishing an Unsafe Structure

2019-97

Resolution Placing a Municipal Lien on the Property Located at 315 NE. Atlantic Ave in the Borough of Magnolia for all Costs Associated with Demolishing an Unsafe Structure

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt the above-mentioned resolutions together.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

None

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COMMITTEE REPORTS-

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Councilman DePrince stated he had provided his reports in writing.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Whalen thanked Mayor and Borough Council for passing the Shared Service Agreement. He also held a discussion on spending wisely and keeping true to how budgets were initially intended to be spent.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated work has become more consistent with the change of the seasons. She also stated staffing is becoming a concern due to unexpected injuries among the department. She also stated that there have been no mechanical issues recently.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING

Councilwoman Martz stated she has provided her reports in writing. She also stated that the Construction office would be closed for a few evenings this week due to planned vacations. She also provided an update on the meeting held surrounding the appointment of a Code Enforcement Official, and that at this time the Police Department will be handling concerns as they arise. She also stated the Chicken Advisory Board would be meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Borough Hall.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilman Krause stated the Easter Egg Hunt went extremely well considering the weather that had impacted an earlier part of the day. Councilman Krause informed all that he sat in on a recent Camden County Mayor's Association Meeting on the Opioid Crisis. He also stated the Miss Magnolia Pageant is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2019. He also stated that the movie night is planned for the Magnolia Day to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019. He also stated that the Philadelphia Eagles mascot, Swoop, will not be able to attend, however, Vincent Papale will be in attendance this year. He also stated that the American Legion will be hosting a chili cookoff this Sunday, May 5, 2019 and encouraged all to attend. He also stated the Recreation Meeting for this month may be moved to better plan for Memorial Day. He also stated that students from Magnolia Public School will be travelling to Trenton, NJ to take a tour of the New Jersey State House. He also stated that the June Council meeting will host the members of the Student Council from Magnolia Public School.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Saxton was unable to attend this meeting, however, provided his report in writing.

MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated the Miss Magnolia Pageant is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2019, and that thirteen young ladies will be participating. The Community Service will center on a "Purse Full of Hope," which is an organization dedicated to providing assistance to women seeking safety from domestic abuse, substance abuse, poverty, homelessness and other crisis situations by collecting and delivering purses filled with women's toiletries and a handwritten note of hope to local women's shelters.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Basehore stated he provided his report in writing, however, highlighted the updates on the Engineers Status Report.

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SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Long provided details on the Shared Service Agreement and advised the need of a Closed Session item.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

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

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the claims list. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to open this portion of the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Eli Rosenblatt was present from 301-307 W. Evesham Rd, and was being represented by his attorney, Matthew Zabel. A discussion was held on the possible zoning change. Solicitor Long addressed the concern and recommended the issue to the Borough of Magnolia Planning Board for resolution.

Sharon Hailey was present from 510 W. Lincoln Avenue and gave details on the Chicken Pilot Program.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close this portion of the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

2019-98

Resolution to Enter into Closed Session

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

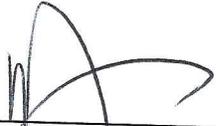
A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to exit closed session. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman DePrince at 8:40 to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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Prepared by:



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Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 Hour 30 minutes