

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 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, Absent

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

John Moustakas, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Ptlm. Huston, 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 June 5, 2019 regular meeting were distributed and are subject to approval.

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

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2019-6

An ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Magnolia, Amending Chapter 95, Animals; Article VI Backyard Chickens; Article VII Enforcement

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, second by Councilwoman Bonamassa that Ordinance 2019-6 be adopted on first reading.

Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-121

Resolution appointing Tax Assessor Salvatore Arena

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-121 Resolution appointing Tax Assessor Salvatore Arena. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-122

Authorizing Bach Associates, PC to prepare contract specifications, contract documents and engineer's construction estimate for the Multi-Use Trails at Albertson Park

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to authorize resolution 2019-122 Authorizing Bach Associates, PC to prepare contract specifications, contract documents and engineer's construction estimate for the Multi-Use Trails at Albertson Park. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-123

Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Property

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to authorize resolution 2019-123 Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Property. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-124

Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Ahmir Walker

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-12 Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Ahmir Walker. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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BUSINESS LICENSE:

Mrs. Michael Mae Irons
120 LaPierre Ave
Block: 5.02 Lot:
Irons School of Music

Mrs. Irons addressed Mayor and council and advised that she would like to teach music from her home.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz to allow Mr. Irons to teach music lessons from her home. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Absent

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised that the Borough had the audit exit conference and the borough has a clean report. He further advised that the tax rate has not yet been released and that estimated bills will go out in August.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa discussed that Magnolia Softball was considering a yard sale/flea market sometime in August they will present a plan as they are not sure if they will be using the field or the parking lot. She further discussed the gazebo and the care that is needed around it. Dennis Reed has maintained it over the years, however there is a lot of care/cleanup that need to take place. This is something that needs to be discussed with Dennis, Jay and Paula, so that Dennis can continue to maintain. Further discussion regarding the constant changing of the recycling rules and regulations, along with the need for a new server and backup for our computer systems.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that her report has been submitted in writing. Mr. Kennedy has started and is getting a handle on things. She will also be meeting with Councilman Krause and Councilman DePrince regarding dumpster permits.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause discussed that he had met with Camden County Open Space. They advised that Magnolia had 3 applicants and only 2 applications were going to be awarded. Councilman Krause was confident in the application that was submitted for Albertson Park. He further discussed the 4th of July town fair and parade. There will be over 25 vendors at the event.

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FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised that the drain in the basement door of borough hall is not working properly. This will be addressed after the July 4th, festivities.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling Carson briefly discussed the possibility of a town wide yard sale. A decision needs to be made in regard to the volunteer of the year, business of the year and also the magnolia medal.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore, has submitted his report in writing.

SOLICITOR REPORT –Mr. Moustakas has nothing to report at this time; progress is being made.

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 Councilwoman Martz 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 Krause to open this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

2019-125

Resolution to Enter into Closed Session

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

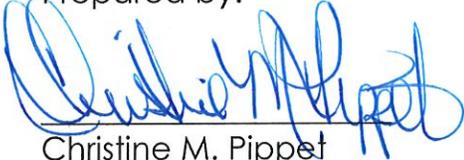
A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to exit closed session. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at 8:55 PM to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Prepared by:



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Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour 35 Minutes