

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
July 18, 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, Steve Bach, Engineer, Chief Paris, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Mark W. Godfrey, Borough Administrator, Christine Pippet, Acting Borough 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 24, 2019-Regular and Executive Session and July 1, 2019 regular meeting were distributed and are subject to approval.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

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

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to open the public hearing for 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 with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Krause to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to 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 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-132

Resolution to authorize tax lien for maintenance of property

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnamasa to authorize resolution 2019-132. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-133

Resolution authorizing Bach Associates, PC to prepare New Jersey Department of Transportation grant application for municipal aid for roadway improvements

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-133 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.

2019-134

Resolution authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to adjust the grace period for 2019 third installments of taxes

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-134 Resolution authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to adjust the grace period for 2019 third installments of taxes. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-135

Resolution appointing department of public works laborer Michael Stephen Thomas

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-135 Resolution appointing department of public works laborer Michael Stephen Thomas. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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2019-136

Resolution appointing special law enforcement officer (Class II) Keith Cole

A Motion Was Made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to authorize resolution 2019-136 Resolution appointing special law enforcement officer (Class II) Keith Cole. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-137

Resolution authorizing waiver of roadway opening moratorium fees for 415 W. Adams Ave.

At this time Mayor Cowling-Caron asked Mr. & Mrs. Pat and Ronel Johnson to come forward and explain the issue. The Johnsons described to council that this issue has been ongoing since the roadway was resurfaced. After months of contractors, DPW and engineers inspecting the location, it has been determined that it is in fact their issue. They have appeared in Municipal Court and have been given until August 13, to come up with a solution. The problem is that although they are willing and want to fix the issue, financially they are having difficulty.

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to table resolution 2019-137 Resolution authorizing waiver of roadway opening moratorium fees for 415 W. Adams Ave. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-138

Resolution appointing department of public works laborer Brandon Rey Vicente

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-138. Resolution appointing department of public works laborer Brandon Rey Vicente. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-139

Resolution to release landscape guarantee for Integrity Building Group, LLC in the total amount of \$4,000.00

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-139 Resolution to release landscape guarantee for Integrity Building Group, LLC in the total amount of \$4,000.00. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

Valvoline Instant Oil Change
334 South White Horse Pike
Block: 3.03 Lot: 10
Automotive Service Center

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize a business license be issued for Valvoline Instant Oil Change Center, 334 South White Horse Pike. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Nothing to report at this time

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised Council that Shelley Strehle has passed her CFO exam and that Mark Godfrey passed his Tax Collector Exam. He congratulated both. He further advised that the website is up and operational, each Department head should review each page and make revisions as necessary.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa discussed the revolving door of people. They just don't seem to last, looking to do something different in the hiring process. She further discussed various issues in relation to the servers and backup systems. She will be meeting with Mike Mangold along with Councilman Whalen to discuss safe and secure ongoing support. She also thanked Chief Paris for his input in regard to National Night out.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that Mr. Kennedy is working on Certificate of Occupancy and is struggling a little bit with keeping up. She further discussed that the Planning Board would be having a meeting on July 24, 2019 in regard to the redevelopment area, Steve Bach will be present at the meeting.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause thanked everyone for the help with the July 4, event. He has received a lot of positive feedback in regard to the quiet zone, and the wreath contest. He further expressed concern on the inflatables and how it is a growing problem receiving approvals. We may need to review other options for the future.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ABSENT

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling Carson discussed the area of the railroad crossing at Atlantic Ave. and Warwick Road will be closed for approximately 3 weeks for repairs. This will commence August 5, 2019 and will be closed completely around the clock. Additionally, the Water Company is doing utility work along Warwick Road at the same time. They are to reach out to Chief Paris in regard to a traffic plan. She has also been told that the White Horse Pike project maybe completed by years end.

ENGINEER REPORT – Steve Bach, briefly discussed the redevelopment area. Once the determination of need is submitted to Department of Community Affairs, they have 45 days to review. The Department of Transportation grant application has been completed and submitted. He further advised that Mark Basehore submitted his report in writing.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Long advised that a closed session will be needed tonight to discuss various issues.

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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 Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Krause. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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.

- No one from the public Spoke

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

There being no comment, the public portion a motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

2019-140

Resolution to Enter into Closed Session

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

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

Council reconvened at this time all members present aside from Councilman Saxton who is absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

2019-141

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release and Separation Agreement

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution. 2019-141 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Release and Separation Agreement. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-142

Resolution of the Borough of Magnolia approving the execution of Police Chief's Contract with Scott Paris.

A Motion Was Made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution 2019-142 Resolution of the Borough of Magnolia approving the execution of Police Chief's Contract with Scott Paris. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at 10:10 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: 3 hours 10 Minutes