

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

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

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, Late Arrival
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, Paul Sexton, Department of Public Works Supervisor, 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 September 4, 2019 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the aforementioned minutes. All council present voted in favor.

*Let it be noted that Councilman DePrince has arrived at 7:05.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-163

Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2019 Budget of The Borough of Magnolia Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40a:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) being Awarded \$3,383.69 For Fy2019 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution **2019-163** Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2019 Budget of The Borough of Magnolia Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40a:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) being Awarded \$3,383.69 For Fy2019 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-164

Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Property

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution **2019-164** Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Property. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-165

Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unexpended Escrow Money for Colombo Liquor

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution **2019-165** Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unexpended Escrow Money for Colombo Liquor. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

PV Auto Center, LLC
105 White Horse Pike
Block: 3.02 Lot: 10
Automotive Service Center

A brief discussion was had regarding the business and technicians. Taxes have been paid on the property. Would like to open as soon as possible. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and Seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize a business license be issued to PV Auto Center, LLC. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince distributed OEM magnets to everyone. He discussed with Council that he attended a portion of the back to school night, and it has been reported to him that the new drop off procedure seems to be working out well.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised Council that Camden County Sewer bills were calculated incorrectly and that new tax sale notices that included these charges, needed to be resent with the corrected amount. He further discussed that at our next meeting there would be an Ordinance enforcing direct deposit for all employees. This is permissible under state law. If anyone has questions on this he advised to reach out. He also advised that the "Fall" newsletter needs to go out; everyone should give their information to Chrissie/Mark for publication.

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PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY –Councilwoman Bonamassa briefly discussed that she will be meeting with Mike Mangold before the next meeting to discuss the findings of the assessment of our technology equipment. Weather is changing work through the public works is consistent with the weather. They will be painting the Wilson Center and catching up on things.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that the process with hiring a Construction Official has begun. Bill has been working hard in getting the various properties cleaned up that have been lingering. Planning Board is scheduled to have a meeting on September 25, 2019. Councilwoman Martz also attended the Chicken Advisory Board Meeting and advised that their meeting minutes will be send to the Clerk on a quarterly basis. She further discussed that the existing members of the Board will be registering their chickens, and that the chickens on Fern Avenue are in the process of getting approved through the board.

PUBLIC EVENTS –Councilman Krause discussed the various upcoming planned events, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Gingerbread House Contest, Halloween Parade, Breakfast with Santa and the Senior Luncheon.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton submitted his report in writing.

- We are waiting for another estimate for the air compressor at Borough Hall.
- Public Works will be starting to paint the gym and entranceway inside the Wilson Community Center
- Researching the options for the proper replacement outlet covers for Albertson Park.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling Carson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Laughing Fox; other than that just been really busy.

ENGINEER REPORT –Mark Basehore gave an overview the redevelopment timeline. The planning board will prepare a resolution recommending to Council an area in need of redevelopment; Council will adopt a resolution at the same time, the report will then be forwarded to the DCA for their 45-day review period.

SOLICITOR REPORT –Mr. Long advised Council of his findings regarding Andy Parks 323 W. Madison Ave and his recent inquiry regarding fees being waived for a variance. The Americans with Disabilities Act, states that reasonable accommodations be made without creating undue hardship. Mr. Long will prepare a resolution for our next council meeting.

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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A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Let it be noted that Councilman Whalen abstained from payment to the animal census personnel.

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.

- Chief Paris, discussed the issues at the White Horse Pike and Evesham Rd.

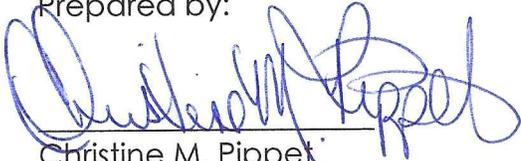
CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to enter closed session at 7:46 PM 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: 46 Minutes