

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 2018

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, present
Councilman Richard Krause, absent
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present
Councilman Odell Saxton, present
Councilman Steven Whalen, absent
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, present

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Daniel Long, ESQ-Solicitor, Mark Godfrey Administrator, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Chief Robert Stetser, Jay Miles, DPW and Phyllis Twisler, RMC-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.

At this time Mayor Cowling-Carson ask for a moment of silence for the 17 victims in the Florida shooting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from February 7, 2018 and February 7, 2018 - Closed Session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and second by Councilman Saxton to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

RES 2018: 51

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Tenure charges against the Tax Collector for the Borough of Magnolia

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded Councilman DePrince to approve the above resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE

Mister Softee
Paul Sknow
901 Clements Bridge Rd.
Runnemede, NJ 08078

A motion made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to **approve** the Business License for Mr. Softee, Paul Skow. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince – Nothing to Report

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - Councilman Whalen - Absent

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa thanked Jay Miles from Public Works for taking the time to clean the curtains in the Court Room.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING -Councilwoman Martz

Councilwoman Martz announced that the reports were in the drop box, and she had attended the

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause - Absent

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton reported that he will be going out for bids on the roof for the Borough Hall and will be taking to the Treasurer about the purchase of new chairs for the court room

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson reported that she and the other surrounding Mayors attended a meeting to meet with the Governor and also spoke with Lou Greenwald on gun violence and safety.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

Albertson Park will be going out for Bid Opening on March 13, 2018, also will be working with the Solicitor and Councilman Saxon on a new roof.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long

Mr. Long requested a closed session to discuss a Rice Notice sent to the Tax Collector and her Attorney Jacqueline Vigilante

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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 Councilman DePrince to approve the aforementioned claims list. All council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open public participation.

Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak. Hearing no one. She asked for a motion to close the public portion.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close public participation. All Council who were present voted aye.

At this time a motion to recess the meeting to 8:00 PM was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince.

Upon entering into the business meeting a motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve **Resolution 2018-50**. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RES. 2018-50

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public Closed Session in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 on Matters Related to Litigations, Negotiations and Attorney Client

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to move into Closed Executive Session. The motion carried

RETURNED FROM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at 8: 25pm. to return to the Public Session

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause at 8:30 pm to adjourn.

Prepared by:



Phyllis Twisler, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes