

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2019

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, absent
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, Lt. Paris, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, 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 February 6, 2019 Regular session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Councilman Krause had pointed out a discrepancy and had not had a chance to review. A motion to table the February 6th, 2019 minutes was made by Councilwoman Martz, and seconded by Councilman Krause. All council present voted yes.

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SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2019-1

An Ordinance of The Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing the Borough Code of The Borough Of Magnolia Title 8- Health and Safety "PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE"

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to Open this portion of the meeting to the public. There being no one desiring the floor, A motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Krause, Seconded by Councilman Whalen.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, second by Councilman Krause that Ordinance 2019-1 be adopted as read on second reading. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

2019-52

A resolution extending the 2019 temporary budget

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen a and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-53

Resolution to approve a shared service agreement between the Borough of Lawnside and the Borough of Magnolia for the mechanical repair and maintenance of municipal vehicles and public works equipment.

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa a and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-54

Resolution to approve a shared service agreement between the Borough of Runnemedede and the Borough of Magnolia for the mechanical repair and maintenance of municipal vehicles and public works equipment

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and Seconded by Councilman DePrince. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

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2019-55

Resolution to approve a shared service agreement between the Sterling High School District and the Borough of Magnolia for services provided for the mechanical repair and maintenance of school vehicles and equipment

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and Seconded by Councilman DePrince. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-56

Resolution of the Borough of Magnolia, providing for an extension of the temporary chicken pilot program to allow the keeping of chickens

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz and Seconded by Councilman Krause. Roll Call Vote was a two to four vote in the denial of extending the extension of the temporary chicken pilot program for an additional year.

2019-57

Resolution Authorizing Application for Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant, Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and Seconded by Councilman DePrince. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-58

Resolution of Award of Contract to Advanced Electrical, Inc. for the New Park Lighting, Phase II – Albertson Park

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and Seconded by Councilman Whalen. Additional questions arose and a Motion to table this resolution to the March 6th, 2019 was mad by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-59

Resolution appointing temporary Chief Municipal Finance Officer

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2019-60

Resolution to Amend Resolution 2018-97 Titled "Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance Of Vacant Property"

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

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2019-61

Resolution appointing Department of Public Works laborer Ethan Michael Jones

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

BUSINESS LICENSE:

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince advise that the emergency operations plan has been approved at the State level. He then discussed the various transitions that will be taking place in the Police Department over the next few months. There was a major water leak this past Sunday on Lincoln Ave; the Police Department along with the Borough Engineer were on the scene.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised that the budget is at its cap. There is a chance that no capital projects will be happening this next year. He further advised that the projected timeline for the Budget introduction is March 21, with the final adoption being April 18th, 2019

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY –Councilwoman Bonamassa was pleased with the appearance of “New” website. She discussed that they are low on man power and are looking to hire laborers. Public Works is also trying to invest in replacing there existing vehicle fleet.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that her report has been submitted in writing. We will be demolishing the three homes the contractor is just awaiting the disconnect approvals from the utility companies. The Borough Engineer, Steve Bach attended the last Planning Board Meeting to review the redevelopment area. He will be attending at least 2 more meetings.

PUBLIC EVENTS –Councilman Krause discussed various events that are in the works. The recreation committee meeting was cancelled. They are working on Clean Communities Day, Youth Week, Memorial Day Parade, and National Night out.

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FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised the new glass doors for the Police Department side of the building will be installed in the next few weeks. The roof leaks at the Community Center will be addressed in addition to the leaks over time the roof will be repaired in full. The issues in regard to the restrooms in the Police Department are in the process of being re-evaluated. The painting that has been put on hold will hopefully resume we are awaiting an additional quote. National Night out meeting will be March 26.

MAYOR – The Mayor reported the Camden County Mayors Association will be holding an educational meeting at Sterling Highschool on March 20, 2019 in regard to the legalization of marijuana.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore, reviewed some of the projects that are currently in the works. He also advised that he has put his report in writing. He further discussed that the water main break that occurred on Sunday. He let council know that the repairs that were made are temporary and will be addressed to be of permanent repairs in the Spring. Mr. Basehore, also advised council that 1 of the houses that is currently under construction on Lafayette was seeking a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, at this time he has denied this request.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Dan Long, Solicitor has nothing to report at this time.

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 Martz. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Saxton.

Sharon Hailey from Magnolia Hens, along with Terry Alcorn and Cheryl Fisher was seeking information regarding the pilot program for the Chicken/Hens. Mayor and Council advised that there are still two (2) outstanding issues that have not been rectified. Ms. Hailey advised that on two occasions members have gone to the house on Monroe and have been told that they are getting rid of the hens that they have until they can obtain a suitable coop. The home on Fern Ave, they have gone to class and has completed the application, has a coop just needs to obtain a license. At this point in time they weren't sure that a license could be issued. Council advised that

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should they wish to pursue they should review Pilot Ordinance for accuracy's, including the enforcement and violations and penalties. Once the committee feels as though the Ordinance is clear, strong and enforceable.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

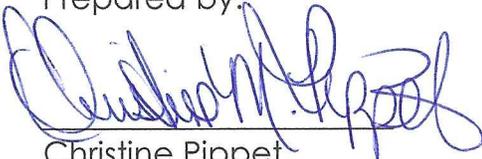
NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause at 8:30 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 30 mins.