

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2018

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

John Moustakis, ESQ-Solicitor, Mark W. Godfrey – Administrator, Mark R. Basehore, Jr., PE, CME – Engineer, Police Chief Robert Stetser, Police Chief Paul Wolf, Jay Miles – DPW Foreman, 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from February 15, 2018 and February 15, 2018 – Closed Session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, and second by Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council voted aye by roll call vote with Councilman Krause and Councilman Whalen abstaining.

ORDINANCE 2018-01 ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA, COUNTY OF CAMDEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open this part of the meeting to the public.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close this portion of the meeting of the public.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2018:01.

Roll Call

Councilwoman Bonamassa – yes
Councilman DePrince – yes
Councilman Krause – absent
Councilwoman Martz – yes
Councilman Saxton – yes
Councilman Whalen – absent
Mayor Cowling-Carson

ORDINANCE 2018-02 – CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK N.J.S.A. 40A:455.14

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No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close this portion of the meeting of the public.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince, and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2018:02.

Roll Call

Councilwoman Bonamassa – yes
Councilman DePrince – yes
Councilman Krause – absent
Councilwoman Martz – yes
Councilman Saxton – yes
Councilman Whalen – absent
Mayor Cowling-Carson

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to accept the resignation of the CFO.

RES 2018-53

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHELLEY A. STREAHLE AS TEMPORARY CFO FOR THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA TO A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2018

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

At this time a presentation was held by the CFO on this year's budget.

RES 2018-63

RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

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

RES 2018-54

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the above resolution. All Council voted aye by roll call vote, with the exception of Councilwoman Bonamassa who voted no. Councilwoman Bonamassa offered condolences to the victims lost in recent mass shootings, but disagreed with how these resolutions are circulated between towns.

RES 2018-55

RESOLUTION TO FULLY EXTEND THE 2018 TEMPORARY BUDGET

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

RES 2018-56

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S

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

RES 2018-57

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLACEMENT OF “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP (W4-4P)” TRAFFIC PLAQUES TO THE STOP SIGNS ON E. ATLANTIC AVE (CR 727) AT THE INTERSECTION OF W. LINCOLN AVE

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

RES 2018-58

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAGNOLIA RECREATION COMMITTEE’S OPEN SPACE APPLICATION FOR ALBERTSON PARK LIGHTING

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

A discussion took place on the project details, and a timeline was established of when this would be completed.

RES 2018-59

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING YEAR 39 (FY2017/2018) CDBG PROJECT FUNDS FOR FOUR (4) TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

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

RES 2018-60

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER – JAMES G. KELLY

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

RES 2018-61

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

RES 2018-62

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ADVANCED ELECTRICAL FOR NEW PARK LIGHTING PHASE 1, ALBERTSON PARK

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

BUSINESS LICENSE:

CUTTING UP
LOI HUI
371 E. CHARLESTON AVE
LAWNSIDE, NJ 08045

A motion made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the Business License for Cutting Up. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince

Councilman DePrince had nothing to report for the Court department, as everything is working out with the new Court Administrator. Councilman DePrince spoke of the recent meeting that was held at the Magnolia Public School, and the turnout that was present by school families. The school is following all safety protocols, and always looking to improve. The idea of placing a panic bar on the rear access gate of the school came up as a suggestion. Mayor Cowling-Carson wished to honor Emily Krause for holding a peaceful vigil at the school for the recent victims of the Parkland, FL school shooting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen gave a friendly reminder that the temporary budget has been fully extended, and to be mindful of spending while the budget is complete. Councilman Whalen reminded everyone to complete the JIF course recently offered on Ethics, and to hand in the certificate to the Administrator when complete. Councilman Whalen also reminded all to complete the FDS, when it opens for filing.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated trash and recycling collection was normal this month, but that 3 tons of road patch was put down throughout town. A suggestion came up to use Runnemedede's sewer pipe camera to see where the recent sewage spill came from to assist in remediation. Approximately two thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,300) has been put aside for street sign repair. Councilwoman Bonamassa mentioned that the Administrator is holding conversations with phone vendors on a possible new system which will provide a more cost effective way of phone service.

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

Councilwoman Martz stated that due to a recent Uniform Construction Code (UCC) change, roofing and siding permits are no longer needed for certain replacement projects. Councilwoman Martz mentioned a meeting was held with the business owners of the buildings located at 801-811 W. Evesham.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

Councilman Krause made mention that the dates have changed for Clean Communities Day and the Easter Egg Hunt. Clean Communities Day will now be held on March 24, and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31. There will be a Recreation Committee meeting this Sunday, and they will be stuffing the 1,500 Easter Eggs with prizes. All are welcome to help and donate their time to assist. Youth in Government Day planning is continuing with some new developments to include an essay writing contest, a visit to the American Legion Edwin I. Johnson Post 370, and learning how to properly fold a United States of America flag. A 1946 Jeep will be used in this year's parade to honor the Legion's longest living veteran, Tom Gallagher, who is 95 years old. Magnolia Day planning continues, which will now feature the movie "Invincible" to be played at the Community Center field, with hopes for an appearance by local athlete Vincent Pappale.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton reported that there was a leak in the courtroom due to a sewage backup. The line was snaked with a camera to determine the location of the blockage, and it is believed to be under the restrooms by the Police station. We are looking into borrowing a camera from a local Borough to snake the line ourselves to determine the exact location of the leakage before remediation takes place. The Borough Hall roof needs replacement, and quotes have been received that exceed the bid threshold, and this project will need to go out for public bidding. Councilman Saxton will work with the Engineer on specifications. Several Field Usage Applications were turned in to the Administrator, and were submitted for discussion.

MAYOR

Nothing to report at this time.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

The Engineer's report was submitted in writing.

SOLICITOR REPORT – John Moustakis

Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Whalen held a discussion of renaming the Community Center building and field.

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 to approve the aforementioned claims list for the cancelled March 7th meeting, and the regularly scheduled March 15th meeting. All council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince at 8:55 pm to adjourn.

Prepared by:

Phyllis Twisler, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour and 55 minutes