

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 2021, HELD VIA ZOOM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

FLAG SALUTE

Flag Salute was waived due to the use of an electronic meeting.

“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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Councilman Anthony DePrince, Councilman Richard Krause, Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, Councilwoman Shawn Parker, Councilman Steven Whalen, Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson.

Absent: None.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Present: Dan Long, Solicitor; Mark Basehore, Engineer; Daneen Fuss, Municipal Clerk; Scott Paris, Police Chief; Paul Wolf, Fire Chief; Mark Godfrey, Tax Collector; Shelley Strehle, CMFO, QPA; Harry Wozunk, CPWM, CRP.

Absent: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Whalen made a motion to adopt the Minutes from January 21, 2021; seconded by Councilman Krause. Councilman Krause asked that a spelling error be corrected under his report. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote pending the correction.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-48 Resolution authorizing the renewal of the lease agreement between the Borough of Magnolia and Camp 99 for use of the Community Center

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the title of the above resolution. Councilman Krause made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilman DePrince. Mayor Cowling-Carson then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2021-49 Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use on an online auction website

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Bonamassa made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Mayor Cowling-Carson then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2021-50 Resolution authorizing contracts with certain approved state contract vendors for contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the title of the above resolution. Councilman Whalen made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Mayor Cowling-Carson then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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Resolution 2021-51 Resolution promoting Public Works laborer Brandon Wilson from a part-time to full-time employee Mayor Cowling-Carson read the title of the above resolution. Councilman Whalen made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Mayor Cowling-Carson then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

LM Motorworks located at 332 S. White Horse Pike also known as Block 3.03 Lot 10.

Councilwoman Martz made a motion to open to the public; seconded by Councilman Whalen.

Louis Mercado of 642 Chews Landing Road, Apartment B, Sicklerville – Mr. Mercado introduced himself as the property owner. Mayor Cowling-Carson gave a brief overview of reports received from the Code Enforcement office. Discussion was held regarding signage for the property. Councilman Krause asked that the property be kept neat as the property is located at the entrance of the borough. Mr. Mercado outlined his discussions with the Code Enforcement office and his plans for the signage on the property. Business License approve through unanimous voice vote. Mr. Godfrey stated all paperwork has been finalized and is available to pick up at Borough Hall. Mr. Mercado thanked the Council and Borough Officials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Councilman DePrince gave a brief update on the COVID-19 statistics for the Borough and thanked the Mayor for making PPE resources available to local first responders.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Whalen gave a timeline for the presentation and adoption of the Borough Budget. Councilman Whalen also stated interviews are underway for the hiring of a part-time Finance Clerk. Ms. Strehle stated the Annual Debt Statement was submitted last week and the Annual Financial Statement is being finalized. Mr. Godfrey stated sewer bills and pet license reminders have been sent out. Mr. Godfrey also reminded the public, first quarter taxes are due on February 10, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Bonamassa submitted a comprehensive report and JIF inspection report and asked for questions. She then went on to thank Public Works for all their hard work during the JIF inspections. Councilwoman Bonamassa announced the Public Works contract is being finalized. Councilwoman Bonamassa then asked that an additional resolution be added to the end of the agenda for the hiring of a part-time laborer. Mr. Wozunk and Mr. Sexton both thanked the Council for their continued support and adoption of the resolutions.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING

Councilwoman Martz stated the Planning Board met Wednesday to discuss the preliminary application of the car wash and a discussion was held regarding those proceedings. Councilwoman Martz then gave a brief report on the current number of pet licenses issued in the borough. Councilwoman Martz stated there was no Chicken Advisory board meeting this month. Discussion was held regarding the drop in the number of chicken licenses. Councilwoman Martz gave an update on the open issues regarding Code Enforcement. She also stated there would be changes to the schedule of Ms. Simone in the Construction office. Mayor Cowling-Carson asked that the new schedule be posted for the public.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Parker gave an overview of upcoming events and possible changes being discussed due to the current pandemic.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Krause discussed changes in the Camp 99 lease adopted earlier in the meeting. He went on to thank those involved in the renegotiation of the lease. Councilman Krause then gave an update on the creation of a Building and Grounds position within the borough. Councilman Krause gave a brief update on minor repairs on Borough owned properties. Councilwoman Martz stated the Historical Society has recently instituted a camera system. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a new camera system on Borough Hall.

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MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson has nothing to report currently.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Basehore announced a Community Development Block Grant was awarded to the borough in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be used for the road program. Mr. Basehore then stated highlighted the updates from the Engineers Status Report submitted to the Council.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Long gave an update on the ongoing communication with S&L Automotive Repair.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitors application - Antoine White of Alliance Solar.

Councilwoman Martz made a motion to open to the public for the discussion of a solicitation permit; seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Mayor Cowling-Carson asked for the times and dates of when solicitation would take place.

Antoine White of 20 Church Road, Maple Shade, replied. Discussion was held on the regulations set forth in the Borough Code. Mayor Cowling-Carson asked what precautions are in place in reference to soliciting during the current pandemic. Mr. White replied. Discussion was then held on the regulations regarding the borough's No-Knock Code. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Godfrey stated all paperwork has been finalized and is available to pick up at Borough Hall. Mr. White thanked the Council and Borough Officials.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cowling-Carson brought the previously discussed resolution to the table.

Resolution 2021-52 Resolution appointing Department of Public Works part-time laborer Jacob Foley

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Bonamassa made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by the treasury for approval and individual vouchers made available for review. Councilman Whalen made a motion to approve the listed claims; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated she has requested the new Borough Clerk update the minutes on the website.

PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Krause made a motion to open to the public; seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Hearing none, Councilman Krause made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Councilman Whalen. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman DePrince made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm; seconded by Councilman Krause. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Prepared by:

Daneen D. Fuss
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 Hour 01 minute(s)