

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

This special meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to the Courier Post and The Central Record on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dan Long, Solicitor
Mark Basehore, Engineer
Police Chief Scott Paris
Fire Chief Paul Wolf
Shelley A. Strehle, CMFO, QPA
Mark W. Godfrey, CTC, CMR, Deputy Borough Clerk

At this time Mayor Cowling-Carson read the recommendation letter from Councilman Saxton and asked for a recommendation from Borough Council on an appointee for the vacancy. Shawn Parker was brought forth by way of Councilman Whalen and Councilman Krause. At this time Mayor Cowling-Carson called up resolution 2021-42 for passage and a motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt said resolution. All Council voted aye.

At this time Mayor Cowling-Carson swore in Shawn Parker as Council Member for the Borough of Magnolia.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from January 6th, and 17th, 2020 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council voted aye by roll call vote with Councilwoman Parker abstaining.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open this part of the meeting to the public on Ordinance 2021-1. All Council voted aye.

No one from the public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close this part of the meeting to the public on Ordinance 2021-1.

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A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2021-1. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolution 2021-43. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolution 2021-44. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt resolution 2021-45. All Council voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolutions 2021-46 and 2021-47. All Council voted aye.

BUSINESS LICENSES

S & L Automotive Repair

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the business license. While on the question many items were discussed surrounding past concerns of the property location, business operations, and property maintenance. The business owner clarified all of the concerns, and a discussion took place. All Council voted aye by roll call vote with Councilman Whalen voting no.

SOLICITOR LICENSE

A solicitor license was presented; however, the applicant was not present. A motion to table the application was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council voted aye.

A discussion took place regarding licenses for other entities reported to be operating in town. The Solicitor urged all to report the concerns to law enforcement for citations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Councilman DePrince gave an update on COVID-19 related matters. He urged everyone to remain responsible. Stockpile of supplies is in good shape. The Fire Official was discussed, and a meeting will take place with the State shortly.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated that a full-time appointment will be recommended at the next meeting for her department. A list of items to be auctioned will be put forth shortly for unused equipment. A complaint was received for trash on the Conrail property. A discussion took place on responsibility, and Councilwoman Parker mentioned that responsibility falls to Conrail for property maintenance. Councilwoman Bonamassa thanked Harry for his role in setting up the holiday light display.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Whalen stated to be mindful of the temporary budget. State reports are being worked on by the CMFO as they relate to the ADS, AFS, etc. Capital purchases are in the works for two \$150,000 appropriations for the Department of Public Works, and our playgrounds. The roof for the Public Works garage shall be looked

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at separately. Councilman Whalen thanked Mark for stepping in to the role of Deputy Municipal Clerk and welcomed Daneen to our team.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING

Councilwoman Martz stated she is addressing code enforcement concerns as they relate to temporary signs. The Planning Board will reorganize this month and Royal Farms' car wash is on the agenda. Councilman Krause asked for an update on the building behind McDonalds, but one was not available.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Parker stated she and Councilman Krause met, and a meeting is set to happen shortly for the Recreation Committee. She thanked everyone for their support.

FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Krause stated eh reviewed his budget with the CMFO. The Camp 99 contract is being worked on. A meeting was held with the Custodian on daily job duties. Councilman Krause preferred to defer to the Engineer on the progress on the playground equipment.

MAYOR

The Camden County Mayor's Association has reorganized and has chosen a new President. The Mayor attended the Magnolia Fire Company reorganization and swore in the new officers. The same was done a few weeks ago for the Magnolia Ambulance Squad. The Mayor offered thanks to the front office staff for their hard work to start off the new year.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Basehore stated not much had changed since his last report. The playground equipment is progressing, and he is waiting on CDBG funding decisions.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Long welcomes Councilwoman Parker, and echoed the Mayor's comments on the front office teams efforts. Councilman Krause asked the Solicitor about State issued concerns on Peddler Licenses to which the Solicitor referred back to our Ordinance for effectuating compliance.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be heard.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by the 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 claims list. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open this part of the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilman Krause, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close this part of the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye.

Prepared by:

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Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour, 57 minutes