

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark R. Basehore, Jr., PE, CME, Police Chief Scott Paris, Shelley A. Strehle, CMFO, QPA, Mark W. Godfrey, CTC, CMR, Deputy Borough Clerk, Paul A Sexton, Department of Public Works, Christine M. Pippet, Acting Borough Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Council President DePrince mentioned he is going to attend a meeting regarding in-person court sessions resuming for some trials.

Council President DePrince advised that all of the fire records have were picked up from Barrington.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Whalen advised that the CFO and Office manager have been reviewing options regarding the healthcare cost, and out of pocket expenses for employees.

He further advised that the CFO is looking to implement a new Human Resources program to be more efficient.

Councilman Whalen reminded everyone that 2021 budgets will be coming up and advised each department head to be mindful of spending for the remainder of the year.

Councilman Whalen further discussed the Best Practices Survey and the RFP's will be coming up in November.

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Tax Sale has been scheduled for October 28, 2020, online only.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Bonamassa has nothing new to report and is continuing to work on outstanding issues from the last meeting.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING

Councilwoman Martz advised that the 2020 Rabies Clinic will be on Saturday, November 7, 2020, from 10 am until 12 pm. She has Katherine Barrett as the veterinarian, Cathy Dobbins, and Andrew Park for helpers.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilman Krause stated there will be a recreation committee meeting Sunday.

Councilman Krause advised that the Halloween and Trick or Treating information has been placed on social media.

The recreation committee is also working on the parade of lights for December.

The Borough has been awarded a \$25,000.00 open space grant from the County.

Councilman Krause further discussed the 2021 Calendar, and how due to COVID so many events were canceled, we may not have enough photos. He is planning on doing community outreach to see if anyone has pictures we can use.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Saxton was absent due to a work obligation.

MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson has nothing new to report.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Basehore has nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Long has nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Strehle, CFO discussed the Pilot that is in place with Fed Ex. There has been a transfer of ownership, and the new owners are looking to obtain a waiver regarding the auditing practices used. GAAP is required by the NJ state statute. They are requesting to use IFRS (international procedures). The consensus of Borough Council was that we should obtain additional information, before making an official decision.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of Claims has been submitted by the Treasurer for approval. Individual vouchers are available for review.

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A motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the claims list. All Borough Council voted aye by roll call vote.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

A motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to close this part of the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Christine M. Pippet
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia
Time: 7:30 PM