

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 1, 2020**

**\*\*THIS MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED ON VIA FACEBOOK\*\***

**Meeting Call to Order**

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

**"Open public meetings law" announcement**

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Law" and notices were sent to the Courier-Post and The Central Record and other news media. Also, the notice was provided on the Official Bulletin Board.

**Roll Call**

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Present  
Councilman 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, Engineer, Chief Paris, Paul Wolf, Fire Chief, Shelley Strehle, CFO, Christine Pippet, Acting Borough Clerk

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from March 4, 2020, are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the minutes. All council present voted in favor by voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**2020-03**

An Ordinance Establishing A "Safe Exchange Zone" For Residents Of The Borough Of Magnolia

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen to Adopt ordinance 2020-03 on first reading and was Seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**2020-04**

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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 Whalen to Adopt ordinance 2020-04 on first reading and was Seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**R2020-067**

Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Daniel Fitzpatrick

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-067 Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Daniel Fitzpatrick.

**R2020-068**

Resolution Authorizing Assignment-719 N. Warwick Rd.

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-068 Resolution Authorizing Assignment-719 N. Warwick Rd. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**R2020-069**

Resolution Authorizing The Introduction Of The Municipal Budget For 2020 Budget Year

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-069 Resolution Authorizing The Introduction Of The Municipal Budget For 2020 Budget Year. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**R2020-070**

Resolution Allowing for The Self-Examination of The Budget

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-070 Resolution Allowing for The Self-Examination of The Budget. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**R2020-071**

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Governing Body Certification of Compliance with The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-071 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**R2020-072**

Resolution Regulating The Salaries Of The Employees

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-072 Resolution Regulating The Salaries Of The Employees. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

A Cloud Welding

Frank Cloud

Block: 5.04Lot:17

Fabrication Shop- Use Variance was granted by the Planning Board on February 26, 2020.

A motion to approve a business license to A Cloud Welding was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and Seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE** – Councilman DePrince advised Council that the Office of Emergency Management has been extremely busy. Various supplies are running low and they are diligently working on distributing the supplies that we have to the various departments.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION** – Councilman Whalen advised that the tax rate for 2019 was 98%, and gave kudos to Mr. Godfrey. He then briefly gave an overview of the budget; we are looking at a 1.127% increase. He further discussed the National Health Crisis, and how each Department should be mindful of their spending. Councilman Whalen also discussed the modified schedule for the front office staff and encouraging online payments for taxes.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY** – Councilwoman Bonamassa advised that her report has been submitted in writing.

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Report on DPW activities:

- Trash/recycling collection
- Pick up of leaves and brush
- Concrete repair in sidewalk bordering Albertson Park – ongoing
- Landscaping equipment maintenance in preparation of the grass cutting season
- Vehicle maintenance - various

**PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING** – Councilwoman Martz advised Mayor and Council the Sanders application that has been before the Planning Board is moving forward. She further advised that the Valero property has permits that will be expiring next month. Councilwoman Martz, also reported that the Construction Official made an inspection of the Little Chef location, and nothing is happening there at this point.

**PUBLIC EVENTS** – Councilman Krause reviewed various activities that have been canceled and rescheduled for when the National Health Crisis has resolved. He also discussed that the 2020 Open Space Grant has been submitted. He advised that they are currently working on a plan with the County regarding the playground equipment and utilizing the grant money that was received last year.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Councilman Saxton was absent.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Cowling Carson commended everyone for their help during this time, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilman DePrince and Councilman Krause, have been working on gathering information for our seniors in town, as they can get meals on wheels and other services. She also announced that the 2020 Census is due, currently Magnolia has a 45% return rate. She further advised that everyone should be careful and stay at home.

**ENGINEER REPORT** – Mr. Basehore has submitted his report in writing. He further announced that a Pre-Construction meeting is to be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the Albertson Park trail project.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – Mr. Long has nothing to report at this time.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

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

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**Open to Public**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to open this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*\*At this time Mr. Long, read the comments that were sent via Facebook. Mrs. Pippet then confirmed that no emails had been submitted during this portion of the meeting.*

Being there was no one from the public who spoke, a motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to close this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

- Let it be noted that at this time Councilman Krause wanted to remind everyone that the parks and playground equipment are closed.

Prepared by:



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Borough of Magnolia

Time: 7:40 PM