

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2020

Meeting Call to Order

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

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

Other Officials Present

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark R. Basehore, Engineer, Chief Paris, Paul Wolf, Fire Chief, Mark Godfrey, Tax Collector, Christine Pippet, Acting Borough Clerk, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works.

“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.

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. Also, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from December 30, 2019, and January 2, 2020, were distributed and are subject to approval.

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

RESOLUTIONS

R2020-043

A Resolution of The Borough of Magnolia Appointing Paul Sexton as Certified Recycling Professional

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman to table resolution R2020-043 a Resolution of The Borough of Magnolia Appointing Paul

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Sexton as Certified Recycling Professional until the February 5, 2020 council meeting. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

R2020-044

Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer James Joseph Sayles

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize Resolution R2020-044 a Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer James Joseph Sayles. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

R2020-045

Resolution to Approve A Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Woodbury Heights and The Borough of Magnolia for The Mechanical Repair and Maintenance of Municipal Vehicles and Public Works Equipment

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution R2020-045 Resolution to Approve A Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Woodbury Heights and The Borough of Magnolia for The Mechanical Repair and Maintenance of Municipal Vehicles and Public Works Equipment. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman discussed an incident that occurred today that required the use of the field at the Community Center and the Medi-Vac Unit. He further discussed a meeting that was held at the school and new happenings, including extra activities for the children, as well as upgraded security. They are also exploring the idea of a possible summer program.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised he has met with Shelley regarding the 2020 budget. He further discussed the possibility of hiring an additional employee to help with building and grounds workload.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa discussed the internet issued that have occurred within the Police Department. The issues have all been taken care of and all seems to be up to par. She further discussed the gazebo refurbishment and is in the process of getting sketches together. Currently, the Department of Public Works is utilizing and storing the high reach from Sterling. The wells that are located at the Department of Public Works facility, 5 wells have been found.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised that the Planning Board Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020. Mrs. O'Brien on Otterbranch Drive has gone to court has 10 business days to move her fence. Failure to do so will result in daily fines. She further advised that the property on Jefferson, that has had property maintenance issues for quite some time will be receiving a summons. She also received a complaint regarding Chickens, she has advised the Magnolia Hens and they will be doing their inspections per Ordinance.

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PUBLIC EVENTS –Councilman Krause let everyone know that he has taken down the holiday decorations that he was able, and that Public Works will be taking down the rest. He also advised that he is looking at getting the new playground equipment with the monies that were received from the grant applied for. The recreation committee will be meeting and reviewing their budget. He will be reaching out to the school regarding youth in government week. Magnolia Day is May 15, 2020. Councilman Krause also advised that he is working on another grant application for the Borough.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised the fire sprinkler inspection has been completed and the fire extinguisher and sprinkler system will be completed. New appliances have been delivered and installed at the Community Center. A new heater has also been installed at the Community Center. PSE&G is also looking into updating the lighting at the Community Center.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling Carson announced that Miss Magnolia will be held on May 8, 2020; the theme this year will be the roaring 20's. She also discussed the stone that is located at the railroad tracks. Conrail has advised that they will take care of the removal.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore briefly discussed the Monitoring Well removal at the DPW site. They have sent out a request for a quote, for a January 28, 2020 opening. He also advised that they are finishing up the design for the Albertson Pak multi-use trail.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Long advised that he is working on an amendment to an existing shared service agreement.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

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

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Open to Public

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

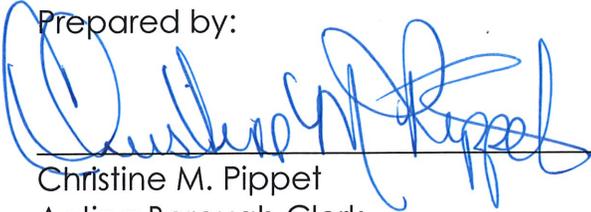
There is no comment, from the public a motion to close the public portion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Prepared by:



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Borough of Magnolia

Time: 8:22 PM