

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mayor Cowling-Carson made mention that this meeting is being livestreamed via Zoom.

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

This meeting is being livestreamed via Facebook 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

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 opened the floor to our Commissioners, Senators, Assemblymen, Assemblywomen, Surrogate, and House Representatives.

Mayor Cowling Carson read the Council Committees, and a motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince for approval. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the appointments to the roles of personnel and Professionals in the Borough, and a motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince. All Council voted aye by roll call vote with Councilwoman Bonamassa and Councilman Whalen abstaining from the appointment of the Public defender, and Councilman Krause voting no for the appointment of the Public defender.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from December 29, 2020 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt resolutions 2021-1 through 2021-10. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolution 2021-11. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt resolution 2021-12. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolution 2021-13. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolution 2021-14. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolutions 2021-15 through 2021-19. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt resolution 2021-20. All Council voted aye by roll call vote with Councilwoman Bonamassa and Councilman Whalen abstaining, and Councilman Krause voting no.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt resolution 2021-21. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolutions 2021-12 through 2021-25. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt resolution 2021-26. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolution 2021-27. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt resolutions 2021-28 through 2021-31. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt resolution 2021-32. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt resolution 2021-33. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolution 2021-34. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolutions 2021-35 through 2021-36. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolutions 2021-37 through 2021-38. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt resolution 2021-39. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt resolution 2021-40. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to adopt resolution 2021-41. When on the question Councilman Whalen explained the resolution and answered Councilwoman Martz's questions. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt ordinance 2021-1 on first reading. Councilmen Whalen and DePrince explained the ordinance and answered Councilman Krause's and Councilwoman Martz's questions. All Council voted aye by roll call vote for adoption on first reading. The ordinance will be posted in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public viewing and will have the ordinance published in the local newspapers. Ordinance 2021-1 will be placed for public hearing and adoption at the January 21, 2021 meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSES

No Business Licenses were scheduled to be heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Councilman DePrince gave an update of the COVID-19 cases in the Borough and thanked everyone for the support of the Police Department purchases being requested through ordinances and resolutions this evening.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Whalen gave an update on the 2020 year through the Treasurer's report and commended the Chief Municipal Finance Officer on the CARES submissions. Councilman Whalen thanked everyone for the work on grant submissions and awards in monetary totals through the year. The budget adoption date has been extended but will still be introduced and adopted around the same time it is each year. The Borough of Magnolia is seeking part time help in the office, and a job description is currently being crafted to support the position. A meeting was held with Councilwoman Bonamassa and Councilman Krause on capital purchases being sought in the new year.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated business as usual as the new year begins and recapped the meeting held with Councilman Whalen at the end of last year on capital purchases for the Department of Public Works.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING

Councilwoman Mart stated her reports were in the Dropbox for viewing and gave an update on 201 W. Evesham Rd code enforcement issues being corrected.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilman Krause thanked everyone for their support and help with the public events in December. The House Decorating Contest winners have been posted, and the calendar has been mailed to all residents, and Councilman Krause thanked everyone for their support in the design and contributions. The playground equipment process is moving along, and Councilman Krause is looking forward to his new role directing the Department of Buildings and Grounds.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Basehore wished everyone a happy new year and thanked the Mayor and Borough Council for the appointment. CDBG has no news on 2021 awards as they are focusing on CARES matters. Mr. Basehore will be closing out the Albertson Park Trailway project shortly.

Mr. Bach thanked the Mayor and Borough Council for the appointment.

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SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Long stated he is working on a few items for the Borough and thanked Mayor and Borough Council for the appointment.

At this time Mayor Cowling-Carson asked for a motion to nominate a Council President for 2021 which was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilwoman Martz for Councilman Whalen. All council voted aye by roll call vote with Councilman Whalen abstaining.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Time: 1 hour, 5 minutes