

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA  
438 W. EVESHAM AVENUE  
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049  
COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT**

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. In addition, the notice was posted on the bulletin board located at Borough Hall.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Councilman Anthony DePrince, Councilwoman Mary Martz, Councilwoman Shawn Parker, Councilman Steven Whalen, and Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson  
Absent: Councilman Richard Krause

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Dan Long, Solicitor; Mark Basehore, Engineer; Police Chief Paris; Fire Chief Wolf; Shelley Strehle, CFO, QPA; Leah Fowler, Finance Assistant; Colleen Dawson, CTC; Paul Sexton, DPW, and Krystel Arana, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Absent: Harry Wozunk, CPWM, CRP

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** October 21, 2021

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes:

Motion: Councilman Whalen                      Second: Councilwoman Martz

Roll Call: Unanimous

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**14-2021** Amending Chapter 66 Entitled Personnel of the Code of the Borough of Magnolia

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-2021 on Second Reading:

Motion: Councilman Whalen                      Second: Councilwoman Martz

Roll Call: Unanimous

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING** – None

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**2021-176** Authorizing Award of Contract Under the Camden County Cooperative Purchasing System for the Furnishing and Delivering of Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) on an “As-Needed” Basis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Option

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-176:

Motion: Councilwoman Bonamassa Second: Councilwoman Martz

Roll Call: Unanimous

**BUSINESS LICENSE**

Asha Weal – Asha Alessandra Images, LLC

Photography

309 Brooke Ave., Apt. B-3

(No business is being held at address)

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None; resident did not appear in-person, as requested, to discuss.

**CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE**

Councilman DePrince

Reached out to James Murrell from 638 E Evesham Ave., via phone to inform him of findings after speaking with the County Engineer regarding his concern about sidewalks; left voicemail. Currently, in the process of reviewing winter storm procedures in collaboration with other departments. Working with Fire Chief Wolf on FEMA firefighter grant.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Whalen

Thanked CFO for the numerous grants listed in treasurer’s report for review. Elaborated on interlocal services and tax report. Mentioned concern about municipal court notice regarding dog licensing. Briefly spoke about an ordinance being put into place concerning property maintenance and the issuance of business licenses. Budget transfers due to occur next month. Best practices survey submitted. RFPs for 2022 Professional Services available.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY**

Councilwoman Bonamassa

Nothing major to report regarding technology or sewer. Some worn-down signs were replaced. DPW getting ready for fall. CFO looking into alarm system upgrade.

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**PLANNING/ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING**

Councilwoman Martz

Thanked everyone who helped at the rabies clinic including the Tax Collector.

**PUBLIC EVENTS**

Councilwoman Parker

Stated the Halloween parade was a success and thanked everyone who assisted. Finalizing minor details regarding Breakfast with Santa event; Councilman Whalen and Councilwoman Martz offered their help if needed.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Krause

Absent

**MAYOR**

Mayor Cowling-Carson

Camden County flu site; Magnolia Community Center. Veterans Day Breakfast; Sterling High School. American Legion ceremony honoring veterans at 7:00pm.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

Mark R. Basehore

Survey scheduled for Crestview. Asbestos testing for DPW roof. Discussed playground equipment; questioned if anyone was familiar with a discussion that apparently took place in the past regarding a bench with plaque. Spoke about curb work taking place on Madison Ave and other roads. Currently working on proposal and identifying work to be done with regards to funding that was received from NJDOT for the reconstruction of streets. Elaborated on tank removal; CFO waiting until next year as a result of cost being over threshold.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Dan Long

None

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council discussed placing a plaque under a tree at Albertson Park in memory of Tom.

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**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

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

Motion to approve claims submitted:

Motion: Councilman Whalen                      Second: Councilwoman Martz

Roll Call: Unanimous

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident from 318 Otter Branch Drive questioned the schedule for the collection of leaves.

Discussion was had amongst Council regarding the appropriate procedures during elections and waiving court fees for a handful of residents who received notices late as a result of COVID.

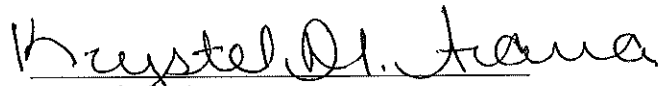
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting: 8:36 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Whalen                      Second: Councilwoman Parker

Roll Call: Unanimous

Prepared by:

  
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Krystal M. Arana  
Deputy Municipal Clerk