

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 2021, HELD VIA ZOOM**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Flag Salute was waived due to the use of an electronic meeting.

**“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council President Whalen announced this meeting is being conducted 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**

Present: Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Councilman Anthony DePrince, Councilman Richard Krause, Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, Councilwoman Shawn Parker, Council President Steven Whalen.

Absent: Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Present: Dan Long, Solicitor; Mark Basehore, Engineer; Daneen Fuss, Municipal Clerk; Scott Paris, Police Chief; Paul Wolf, Fire Chief; Mark Godfrey, Tax Collector; Shelley Strehle, CMFO, QPA; Harry Wozunk, CPWM, CRP.

Absent: None.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2021 we approved later in the meeting.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

02-2021 Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia revising Chapter 16.226 entitled Stormwater Control  
Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt on first reading; seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2021-53**

Resolution authorizing membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with participating units  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Councilman DePrince gave an extended explanation of the purpose of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-54**

Resolution reappointing Anthony DePrince as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Magnolia  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Councilman DePrince gave an extended explanation of the purpose of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-55**

Resolution reappointing Scott Paris as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Magnolia  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilman Krause. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Councilman DePrince gave an extended explanation of the purpose of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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**Resolution 2021-56**

Resolution authorizing staff changes to the Crossing Guard positions due to the resignation of Judy Merrigan  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-57**

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an electronic tax sale  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Mr. Godfrey gave a brief explanation of the benefits for this type of tax sale. Discussion was held regarding the overall cost of this type of tax sale. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-59**

Resolution cancelling special charge balance for account number 14-00131 AKA Block 3.13, Lot 18 on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Magnolia  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilman DePrince. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-60**

Resolution authorizing the execution of 2021 Safety Contract – Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilman Krause. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-61**

Resolution appointing Leah Fowler as part-time Finance Clerk for the Borough of Magnolia  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Ms. Fowler was present during the meeting and introduced herself. Council President Whalen gave a brief explanation of her duties. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-62**

Resolution extending the 2021 Temporary Budget of the Borough of Magnolia  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-63**

Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Borough of Magnolia for access to the MVC Full Driver Abstract, Driver Status Program  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Councilman DePrince then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Mr. Godfrey gave a brief explanation of the timeline of the implementation of this program. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-64**

Resolution to approve a shared service agreement between the Borough of Magnolia and the County of Camden for the funding of enhanced playground equipment at Albertson Park  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman Krause made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilman DePrince. Councilman Krause then gave an extended explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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**Resolution 2021-65**

Resolution authorizing Change Order #2 and final payment for the FY2020 NJDOT Road Program  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Bonamassa made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution 2021-66**

Resolution approving the hire of Logan Redhorn as a part-time laborer for the Public Works Department  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilwoman Bonamassa made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE**

Councilman DePrince gave a brief update on a meeting regarding Fire Marshal duties for the Borough. He went on to say there may be a Resolution later in March regarding a Fire Marshal Agreement. Councilman DePrince then discussed recent fires in the area and mentioned there were no fatalities. Councilman DePrince then gave an update on Covid-19 stating another resident has passed away from the virus in Magnolia since his last report. He, and other Councilmembers, gave their condolences to the surviving family. Councilman DePrince finished his report by thanking the first responders for their dedication and hard work. Discussion was then held regarding training of the Police Officers for the tasers and body cameras.

**Resolution 2021-58**

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1  
Council President Whalen read the title of the above resolution. Councilman DePrince made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Council President Whalen then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman DePrince and other councilmembers thanked the Public Works department and other emergency departments for working well together during the recent snowstorms.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adopt the Minutes from January 21, 2021; seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Whalen reported the municipal budget is being finalized. Councilman Whalen went on to state the Annual Debt Statement has been filed, and the Annual Financial Statement is being finalized. Councilman Whalen thanked Ms. Strehle for all of her hard work on the budget. Discussion was then held regarding the preparations for the incoming Finance Clerk. Ms. Strehle gave an update on the Annual Financial Statement and Budget.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY**

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated she will be submitting her report at the first meeting of each month. Councilwoman Bonamassa then thanked Mr. Wozunk and Ms. Strehle for all your hard work during the inclement weather. She also thanked Mr. Wozunk and Mr. Sexton for their leadership and dedication in ensuring the department runs smoothly. Mr. Wozunk gave a brief explanation of the upcoming Municibid auction. Councilwoman Bonamassa gave a brief update on the Public Works contract. Mr. Wozunk stated Code Enforcement has been aiding with Public Works during the weather. A brief discussion was then held on the pros and cons of brining the roads as opposed to plowing.

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**PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING**

Councilwoman Martz stated the Planning Board will be meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> of this month via zoom. She went on to say there are no current applications at this time. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of accepting pet registrations and payments online. Councilwoman Martz also reported Borough Officials have been having difficulties getting into the units to do inspections on the larger apartment complexes in the Borough. The Code permitting office will be working on a plan of action for getting access to these properties. Discussion was held on an upcoming ordinance regarding feeding wildlife.

**PUBLIC EVENTS**

Councilwoman Parker stated the next Recreation meeting is this coming Sunday. Councilwoman Parker stated she will be recommending the cancellation of the Community Cleanup and have a virtual Easter event.

**FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Krause gave a brief update on on-going maintenance to Borough Hall and the Police Station. Councilman Krause went on to say he met with the facilities employee and discussed his duties. Councilman Krause also stated Sterling Football would like to have driving parade to congratulate the Freshmen and Sophomore teams' victories. Discussion was then held regarding the light at the Community Center and the upcoming cleanup of records storage room.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Cowling-Carson absent no report.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

Engineer Basehore submitted his report and allowed for any questions. He then reported the Camden County Improvement Authority announced the CDBG applications are due March 12, 2021.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Solicitor Long has nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CLAIMS APPROVAL**

A list of the Claims has been submitted by the treasury for approval and individual vouchers made available for review. Councilwoman Martz made a motion to approve the listed claims; seconded by Councilman DePrince. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Councilman Krause made a motion to open to the public; seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Hearing none, Councilwoman Martz made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Councilman Krause. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Martz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm; seconded by Councilman DePrince. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Prepared by:

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Daneen D. Fuss  
Borough Clerk  
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 Hour 21 minute(s)