

**AGENDA
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
438 W. EVESHAM AVENUE
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
7:00PM**

***AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE UP TO THE TIME OF THE MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 official bulletin board located at Borough Hall.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Cowling-Carson led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Syliesha Scott Deputy Municipal Clerk called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Councilman Anthony DePrince, Councilwoman Mary Martz, Councilwoman Shawn Parker, Councilman Steve Whalen, Councilwoman Shelley Wilson. Also present was Mark Basehore, Municipal Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Wilson motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2024-161B APPOINTING PTLM NICHOLAS CORNETT TO MAGNOLIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title and read the Oath with Chief Huston and Councilman DePrince on either side of him Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-162 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-163 AUTHORIZING ACADEMY SALARY FOR LAUREN

EASTERDAY IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-164 AUTHORIZING ACADEMY SALARY FOR THOMAS

HUTCHINSON IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-165 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN

AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-166 REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES.

Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-167 AWARDING CONTRACT TO CIVICPLUS.

Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Councilwoman Bonamassa on the question asking time frame of the contract (1yr) and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-168 AUTHORIZING CHARGES ON PROPERTY FOR

MAINTENANCE. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-169 APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman

Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson. Councilwoman Bonamassa abstained.

RESOLUTION 2024-170 APPOINTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson. Councilwoman Bonamassa abstained.

RESOLUTION 2024-171 APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson. Councilwoman Bonamassa abstained.

RESOLUTION 2024-172 APPROVING A SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman DePrince motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-173 ADOPTING MODEL OPRA FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Martz motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman DePrince reported on having a table at Back-to-school night and the new ambulance inspected and accepted 9/12/24.

B. FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY

Councilman Whalen reported on tax sale 11/6 and the purchase order being done for the electronic marquee (KC sign). He also reported that we are healthy in our budget and the new phone company forthcoming.

C. PUBLIC WORKS & MUNICIPAL FACILITIES/GROUNDS

Councilwoman Bonamassa reported on continuing year to year comparison of waste collection and reviewing shared service agreements with the deputy clerk. Councilwoman Bonamassa mentioned Bags for Hunger at Shoprite next Tuesday 9/10/24 and asked for volunteers. DPW Supervisor Paul Sexton reported on the department preparing for snow season.

D. PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING

Councilwoman Martz reported on a resolution submitted by Debbie Simone regarding the temporary construction official and updated everyone on the loss of our current one.

E. PUBLIC EVENTS & RECREATION

Councilwoman Parker reported on Dawn posting the flyers for the events up until year end, The Fall Festival on 10/26 1p-5p and the costume contest.

F. COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & COMPLIANCE

Councilwoman Wilson reported that they had no meeting in August, and properties we own.

G. MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson reported that School started today and all the crossing guards and police were in place. Also spoke on quotes for the pavilion.

H. ENGINEER

Mark R. Basehore indicated his report was uploaded in the Dropbox. He reported on the S Walnut Ave bid opening and the date of 9/27/24 at 10am.

I. SOLICITOR

Dan Long he had nothing to report for the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Cowling-Carson lead us in a moment of silence for Chris Mecca who served as our construction official.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT Councilman Whalen motioned to adjourn 8:24 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All present voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Syliesha Scott
Deputy Municipal Clerk

