

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA  
438 W. EVESHAM AVENUE  
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049  
WORK SESSION  
JULY 18, 2024**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

**“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Cowling-Carson read the following statement, “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**

Daniel Long, Esquire, Borough Solicitor 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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 2024-125 ACCEPTING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL AUDIT. 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 2024-126 APPROVING A LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSE FOR WHEELS OF CHANGE FOR A MERCHANDISE RAFFLE. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilwoman Bonamassa motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Parker and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-127 AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 2023 FORD INTERCEPTOR UNDER STATE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. 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 2024-128 AWARDING CONTRACT TO LAUREL LAWNMOWER SERVICE THROUGH THE ESCNJ GROUNDS EQUIPMENT COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR 60” LAWNMOWER. 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 2024-129 AWARDING CONTRACT TO LAUREL LAWNMOWER SERVICE THROUGH THE ESCNJ GROUNDS EQUIPMENT COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR 10 YARD LEAFER. 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 2024-130 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. 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 2024-131 AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURE FOR SOCIAL EVENT BLOCK PARTY. Mayor Cowling-Carson read by title. Councilman Whalen motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Councilman DePrince and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Bonamassa, DePrince, Martz, Parker, Whalen, Wilson.

RESOLUTION 2024-132 AUTHORIZING CHARGES ON PROPERTY FOR MAINTENANCE. 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.

RESOLUTION 2024-133 AUTHORIZING PART TIME MONTHLY STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250 FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. 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.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman DePrince reported on the ambulance Shared Services Agreement, quote for the fire truck, and the school safety grant. He thanked the fire, ambulance and police officials for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

## FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & TECHNOLOGY

Councilman Whalen reported on tax bills, new employees, tax notices and balances.

## PUBLIC WORKS & MUNICIPAL FACILITIES/GROUNDS

Councilwoman Bonamassa referenced her written report that was uploaded, then reported on trash/recycling, stormwater, appearances at events and a sewer jack incident.

## PLANNING & ZONING

Councilwoman Martz referenced her written report that was uploaded, then reported on planning board applications, grass cutting and items that would need to be discussed in closed session.

## PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Parker reported on National Night Out, Independence Day and the Fall Festival.

## COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE & COMPLIANCE, & COMMUNITY CENTER

Councilwoman Wilson reported that there was no meeting last month, her meeting with an entity in Camden that assists businesses, and the community center. Councilman Whalen inquired about the building next to McDonalds and the completion of pending projects.

## MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson had nothing to report at this time.

## SOLICITOR

Solicitor Long referenced items to be discussed in closed session.

## ENGINEERING

Mr. Basehore indicated his report was uploaded in the Dropbox.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to open the floor to the public, with a second by Councilman Whalen. All present voted in favor.

Gavinder Singh inquired as the temporary sign Ordinance. Solicitor Long explained the provisions of the Ordinance.

Karen Borden of Magnolia discussed grass and branches.

Bishop Samuel Willis of Lawnside introduced himself to the Governing Boyd.

Dave Becker of Magnolia discussed short-term AirBNB and Pool Rentals. Mayor Cowling-Carson indicated that she directed Solicitor Long to draft an Ordinance to address his concerns.

Councilman Whalen motioned to close the floor to the public, with a second by Councilwoman Martz. All present voted in favor.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Wilson motioned to enter into executive session at 7:57 p.m., for matters relating to Shared Services Agreement for court, police personnel, ambulance mutual aid agreements, and a landlord certificate revocation. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. It was anticipated that the executive session would be approximately 60 minutes. All present voted in favor.

Councilwoman Bonamassa motion to re-enter open session at 9:44 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Parker. All present voted in favor.

## **ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Whalen motioned to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson. All present voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel H. Long, Esquire  
Borough Solicitor