

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 2017 – 7:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

FLAG SALUTE:

All present pledged their allegiance to the flag of the United States of American

ROLL CALL:

Councilwomen Paula Bonamassa, absent
Councilman Anthony DePrince, present
Councilman Richard Krause, present
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present
Councilman Odell Saxton, late arrival
Councilman Steven Whalen, present
Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson, present

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mark Basehore-Engineer, John Moustakas, ESQ-Solicitor, Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Gail M. Gallo, RMC-Clerk; Mark Godfrey, Administrator; Jay Miles, Foreman

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Cowling-Carson 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.

EMERGENCY EXITS:

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated to please be aware in the event of an emergency, all persons in the courtroom should exit the courtroom quickly and orderly, using the two main doors in the courtroom and then locate the nearest exit to safety. In addition, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from July 17, 2017 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted aye by roll call vote.

PLEASE LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT COUNCILMAN SAXTON ARRIVED AT THIS TIME

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. An Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the Borough of Magnolia to be Entitle “Bingo and Raffles”

After a discussion took place regarding this ordinance a motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to table this ordinance.

Roll call vote:

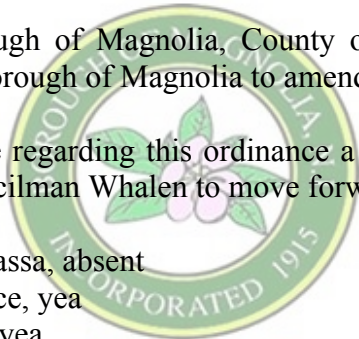
- Councilwomen Paula Bonamassa, absent
- Councilman Anthony DePrince, yea
- Councilman Richard Krause, yea
- Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, yea
- Councilman Odell Saxton, yea
- Councilman Steven Whalen, yea
- Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson

2. An Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the Borough of Magnolia to amend the fees for Construction Code

After a discussion took place regarding this ordinance a motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to move forward with this ordinance.

Roll call vote:

- Councilwomen Paula Bonamassa, absent
- Councilman Anthony DePrince, yea
- Councilman Richard Krause, yea
- Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, yea
- Councilman Odell Saxton, yea
- Councilman Steven Whalen, yea
- Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson



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SECONDED READING OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Res 2017:127

2016 Audit Corrective Action Plan

A discussion took place with Councilman Whalen answering any questions

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017: 128

Resolution authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to request Proposal for Private Collection Company for Collection of Municipal Court Debt

Councilman DePrince explained the need and how it works, that the Borough will not be paying for this service, that the people paying their tickets will be.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017: 129

Resolution Appointing Mark Godfrey as Drug Alliance Coordinator

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:130

Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Pricing Agreement Contract between the Borough of Magnolia and Various Vendor for Retail Electric Supply Services under the South Jersey Power Cooperative

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Saxton. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:131

Resolution Authorizing a One (1) Year Contract Awarding the Second Year Option, of a Cooperative Pricing Agreement Between the borough of Magnolia and the County of Camden, with Deer Carcass Removal Contract

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Saxton. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:132

Resolution Authorizing Claim for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse/Civil Union or Domestic Partner of Disabled Veteran or Serviceperson

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res2017:133

Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Public Works Part Time Laborer – Kenneth Berdine

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

Res2017:134

Resolution to Authorize Tax Lien for Maintenance of Vacant Property

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Res 2017:135

Resolution Amending Resolution 2017:122 Authorizing the Borough of Magnolia to Adjust Due Date and Grace Period for 2017 Third Installments of Taxes

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

Res 2017: 136

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 #7 Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney- Client

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

None

SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:

None



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince

Councilman DePrince spoke of the fire that occurred at 706 W. Lincoln Ave, and thanked all that were present on location in assisting. Councilman DePrince stated all that were involved in the fire are well, and that the Borough is waiting on the cause of the fire. He provided an update on the Fire Chief's new command vehicle, and that it should arrive in the coming weeks, as well as the two new Police cars that are also on order. Councilman DePrince gave an update on the start of the SJ Gas Atlantic Avenue project and details on construction. Chief Wolf spoke of construction vendors parking vehicles and equipment on the 100 block of W. Lincoln Ave.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen

Councilman Whalen spoke of the front office environment, and asked for Council's support in looking for a candidate for a full time position to handle the Clerk duties.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa was not present at this meeting. There was no update given from Council.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz

Councilwoman Martz spoke about the Code Enforcement activity and reports for the past month. She also brought up a concern regarding dumpsters in the Borough, and that an Ordinance should be passed

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to enforce regulations of them. Councilwoman Martz provided an update on the Construction office and their revenue in regards to the Community Champions program. Councilwoman Martz mentioned there would be no Planning Board meeting this month, but a rough draft of our Master Plan should be available in September. She brought up concerns related to the Crestview Avenue construction. Councilwoman Martz concluded her report mentioning that the Chicken Advisory Board has been meeting, and offered the minutes of their meetings to those of interest.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

Councilman Krause noted that National Night Out was a success, and there was immense participation with the volunteers present, specifically the ROTC. He is still in pursuit of the lights make and model that are around the walking track of the Community Center. He gave an update on the most recent

Recreation meeting that was held. Councilman Krause recently replaced the tip of the New Jersey State flag located behind the dais in the court room, and gave a detailed description of his attempts to locate the proper tip. Councilman Krause noted that he will be taking the green “One Square Mile of Happiness” flag from its current location behind the dais, and will have it hung on the west wall of the court room.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton

Councilman Saxton echoed Councilman Krause’s comments on National Night Out, and mentioned there was a great turnout from both towns, and organizations that were involved. He spoke of the recent

New Jersey American Water bill issue, and that it has been rectified. He also gave an update on the Knights Youth Football use of the field at the Community Center.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling-Carson

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated that the New Jersey League of Municipalities fee was due for the annual conference in Atlantic City. Councilman Whalen noted that attendance cost for the conference would come from the departments whose employees are attending, and that one night’s stay would be paid for by the Borough.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Basehore

The Engineer gave an update regarding the repaving of Madison and Lincoln Avenues. An emergency forced SJ Gas had to repair the main in the 100 and 200 block of Madison Avenue during road construction, and will set the project back. He also provided an update on the stop sign placement at Lincoln and E. Atlantic Avenues.

Mr. Basehore addressed a concern in regards to the Pasadena Drive construction boundaries that stopped short of the Magnolia border line. Council agreed to the proposed changes, and since there was no increase in already budgeted costs the work could proceed without a change order.

The Engineer also mentioned the lighting proposals were completed, and that bidding could proceed. He also spoke of Brooke Avenue road construction, and that the project was ready for bid advertising.

The Engineer concluded his report by stating that the New Jersey Department of Transportation applications are due.

SOLICITOR REPORT – John Moustakas

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD USAGE APPLICATION

Knights Youth Football

Monday – Friday August 21, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Times 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday – Sunday August 21, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Times 8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Moved to Public Participation.



CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by 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 aforementioned claims list. The motion carried.

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MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman DePrince to open public participation. All Council who were presented voted aye by roll call vote.

Mr. Dallas Carter from the Knights Youth Football spoke in regards to the teams using the Borough Football Fields. Mr. Carter answered questions regarding how many Borough children play for the team, what type of football they will be playing, and is this application for this or next year.

Mayor questioned trash pickup, bathroom use. Mr. Carter reply that they will remove all trash and stock and clean all bathrooms.

It was decided to move this to Closed Session.

HEARING NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:

A **Motion** was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman DePrince to close public participation. The motion carried.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to move into Closed Executive Session. The motion carried

RETURNED FROM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to return to the Public

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to return to the Public Session at 9:05 pm

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm

PREPARED BY

Gail M. Gallo, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

TIME: 2 hours and 6 minutes



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