

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 4, 2018**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, present  
Councilman Anthony DePrince, absent  
Councilman Richard Krause, present  
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, present  
Councilman Odell Saxton, absent  
Councilman Steven Whalen, absent  
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, present

**OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Daniel Long, ESQ, Solicitor, Steven Bach, Engineer, Police Chief Robert Stetser, Fire Chief Paul Wolf, Christine Pippet, RMC, Clerk

**“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 March 15, 2018 were distributed and are subject to approval.

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

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 2018-64**

Resolution to Refund Escrow Balance – Communications Construction Group, Inc.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-65**

Resolution Appointing Department of Public Works Laborer – Justin W. Fynes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2018-66**

Resolution Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Make an Application, and the Mayor to Execute a Camden County Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Program Year 2018

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-67**

Resolution to Appoint Local Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Magnolia

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2018-68**

Resolution Authorizing Appointment of a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Magnolia

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council voted yes by roll call vote.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

None

**SOLICITOR/PEDDLER LICENSE:**

None

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Councilman DePrince – Absent

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen – Absent

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa

Councilwoman Bonamassa reported that the Department of Public Works snow removal, storm damage, recycling and road repairs/patching have all been heavy. The department is still one employee short, however it has not yet been determined if a new hire is necessary. She further discussed that they may take some of the paver blocks that are not being used at the recreation center and make a box around the Borough sign for plantings.

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

Councilwoman Martz announced that her reports were submitted in writing. She also advised that the final draft of the reexamination of the master plan and zoning map are being worked on. Royal Farms will be attending the April Planning/Zoning Board Meeting for the signage.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause

The recreation committee met and stuffed over 2,000 eggs. Councilman Krause reported that the Egg Hunt was a success. He also reported that the Clean Communities Day was cancelled due to the snow, and that there will not be a rescheduled date. Opening Day for Magnolia Little League is scheduled for April 14, 2018. The Miss Magnolia pageant will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This year on the proposed day for “Magnolia Day” we will also be hosting movies night at Albertson Park. Vince Pappale may be present. Youth in Government day is set for May 17, 2018. The Memorial Day parade is being planned, and we are hoping for a large parade. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 festivities are also in the planning stages, and the parade will run from 10 am until 2 pm. National night out is also in its planning stages.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton – Absent

MAYOR

Mayor Cowling-Carson reported that they have 10 young ladies that will be participating in the Miss Magnolia pageant on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

ENGINEER REPORT – Steven M. Bach

Mr. Bach submitted his reports in writing, however he wanted to let Council know that the Albertson Park project is in the process of obtaining the required bonds and should have a start date of construction soon per the executed contract. He further discussed that the new roofing plans for the building will be discussed in the next few weeks. Additional discussion regarding redevelopment along the White Horse Pike commercial properties was discussed, and Mr Bach left copies of a

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Memorandum and plan for the redevelopment study and plan process for Council to review, discuss, and process.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Long

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**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 Krause and seconded by Councilwomen Martz to approve the aforementioned claims list. All council who were present voted aye by roll call vote.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to open public participation.

Michael Bonamassa, Evesham Rd. Requests should be requested through the Borough Clerks Office by completing an Open Public Record Act Request Form. Contact us

Mr. Bonamassa was speaking on behalf of the Magnolia Girls Softball regarding the loss of Bill Marshall. Mr. Marshall was a large part of the Magnolia Girls Softball League, and they are seeking support in dedicating a field and placing a plaque at the main field.

A motion to begin the planning process to rename the field was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to close public participation. All Council who were present voted yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilwoman Martz at to adjourn the meeting.

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Prepared by:

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Acting Borough Clerk  
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 44 minutes



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