

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2007
7:00 p.m.

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4, Open Public Meetings Law, notice was given to two newspapers and posted, that a special council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present. The Engineer Mr. Basehore was present and also Police Chief Doyle.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman D'Amico seconded. All Council voting aye. Miss Sweeney was present to discuss in detail the bee cabinets on her property. She had read the previous meeting minutes and saw that a neighbor had come forth concerned about the bees. Miss Sweeney and the co-owner of the property who is the actual beekeeper were both present. They presented the Council with various articles and literature on the beekeeping activity. The Solicitor and Council repeated their prior decision that the bee cabinet and the property are in order as the State statute requires, and the owner has made the proper application or registration to the State for the bee cabinets.

Nick DeVecchis from NJ American Water Company was present to introduce himself as the newly appointed Specialist Government Affairs Representative for Magnolia. If anyone had questions or required assistance he asked that they contact him.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Whalen, with all Council voting aye.

Old Business:

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to Open the Public Auction for Block 5.02, L. 26 and 27 as per advertised in the amount of \$9,194.51. There were no bids received. It was agreed not to close the auction but to leave it open for any other bidders who may want to bid on the property. The amount was to be kept at \$9,194.51. Present was Janice Lahoota who owns property adjacent to the lots and was interested in bidding, but made it clear that she thought the bid amount was too high. She presented to Mayor and Council pictures of what the actual lots look like since the lots are not accessible to any public roadway. The Mayor and Council stated they would consider her request and review the amount of the minimum bid.

Tabled Previously:

Resolution 2007:73. Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to appoint Denise O'Kane as Technical Assistant to the Construction Official and Secretary to the Planning/Zoning Board. The salary is \$28,000.00 annually with a \$1,000.00 increase annually upon receiving the certification of Technical Assistant. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2007:86 to cancel the appropriation and revenue for the Shared Service Agreement with Laurel Springs for the recyclable collection since the Agreement ended up only being for the Trash Collection, and not to include recyclable collection. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the minutes of April 04, 2007 with the noted correction that Councilman D'Amico was not present. All council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to approve the bills as presented by the Treasurer, seconded by Councilman DePrince. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to go into Closed Session (Resolution 2007:87), all Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to come out of Closed Session. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2007:89 for a Camden County Home Improvement Application. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize the execution of the Hold Harmless Agreement with Shamong Twp (Resolution 2007:90) regarding the recreation bleachers Shamong was donating to Magnolia Borough. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to authorize the Interlocal Agreement with Stratford and Somerdale for the joint purchase of a SWAT Command Van (Resolution 2007:91). The commitment of each Borough is \$1,500.each to purchase the vehicle and to jointly maintain it. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to approve the Change Order #1 for HVAC Equipment (Resolution 2007:92) to increase the amount by \$7,000.00. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Round Table Discussion:

The Engineer spoke about the new water line going in Gloucester Avenue, but it had not been energized at this time. Bryant Avenue is to be paved next week. There was discussion regarding the exact amount and which projects are to be included in the NJEIT Grant. The amount to be borrowed may have to be reduced since the amount applied for would require an increase in the borough sewer fee to pay for such a debt. The FedEx punch list is being worked on.

Councilman Wilson stated DPW was doing fine.

The Mayor stated some items that were discussed at the recent Mayor's Dinner about DEP requirements of Truck Wash station by 2009 and a salt shed.

Councilwoman Martz stated the Construction Office is working out fine.

Councilman D'Amico stated the Planning Board noted a business that was issued permits without planning board approval. He is working with Chris Mecca to avoid this in the future. Also the COAH Plan is to be approved at this month's meeting. Last month a representative from Arby's came and informally spoke of their intentions to construct at the site at the traffic signal on White Horse Pike and Davis Avenue.

Councilman DePrince stated the Fire Company has been very busy with the rain fall and the amount of calls for help. The Fire Company has had to replace some equipment at this time of extreme need. May 7 is the date the Regional Ambulance Service will begin. He stated the Police is seeking to buy a new car from the State Contract to replace the Dodge Durango vehicle that was totaled.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the Spring events went well. The new sliding board will be installed in May. The borough hall floors were waxed by Sterling HS staff and they look great. The Youth Week events have been planned.

Councilman Whalen stated he had a payroll meeting with the staff that went well.

The Solicitor had nothing to report.

The Clerk gave the update on the Community Center which work will be ending since funds are coming to an end.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye.