

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18, 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, January 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present. The Engineer Mr. Bach was also present.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman Martz seconded. All Council voting aye.

Dorothy Liperatore of 301 Chestnut Avenue was present and spoke of her concern of the paper street known as West Adams. Mayor and Council decided to have the Clerk send letters to the six adjacent property owners to see if they would be interested in taking a portion of the paper street if the Council decided to abandon the street.

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

The Council met and spoke with Lindsay Berman, a college intern who is attending Widener for Law and lives in Magnolia. She is required to commit to some type of pro bono work and has inquired about something for Magnolia Borough. It was decided she would be an excellent candidate to review the existing code book and help with preparing an update section. She would be in the office on Fridays.

The Council also met and spoke with John W. Hill a resident on Warwick Road who had been interviewed previously for the Code Enforcement Officer position. Mr. Hill expressed some of his concerns after thinking about the position. He decided he was not interested in taking the position due to various reasons. Mayor and Council thanked him for his time.

**Business Licenses:**

Campostella Properties, LLC, located at 401 South White Horse Pike, B. 3.10, L. 7.

The owner Ron Odom was present. He stated his company was a real estate investment company doing rehabilitation of homes. He would have three employees. Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the business license.

Picone's Pizza, 308B Evesham Avenue, B. 1.03, L. 11.

The owner Greg Secouler was present. He explained he would be having a similar menu of previous owners at the same location with pizza and sandwiches. The Mayor and Council spoke to him about the loitering issue of previous owners of kids hanging out in front and back of the business. The owner stated he would be sure not to have this happen. The Mayor asked that he contact the County Department of Health to get his Board of Health inspection. Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to approve the license, with all Council voted aye.

## New Business:

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to adopt, seconded by Councilman Wilson for:

RESOLUTION #2007-30

WHEREAS, a statutory provision is made for review and correction of errors prior to certification of an assessment list; and  
 WHEREAS, provision is also allowed for the discovery and correction of errors after establishment of the tax rate; and  
 WHEREAS, change in property ownership at times necessitates adjustments in the veteran's and/or senior citizen's deduction allowed on the assessment list; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for maintenance and correction of the assessment lists rests with the local Tax Assessor subject to specific laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to file with the Camden County Board of Taxation all such appeals, including Omitted and Added Assessments Appeals, as may be necessary to maintain accuracy and equality in the assessment list of the Borough of Somerdale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to execute Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the Borough of Magnolia; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution accompany any appeal filed by the Tax Assessor with the Camden County Board of Taxation.

All Council voted aye.

Motion made to adopt by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman D'Amico for:

RESOLUTION #2007-31

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hi-Nella has the need for trash and recyclable pick-up in their Borough; and  
 WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia has the ability to accommodate the needs of Hi-Nella; and  
 WHEREAS, the Governing Bodies of both Magnolia and Hi-Nella have agreed to the compensation required of \$1,878.80 per month for the labor required to collect the trash and recyclables in Hi-Nella.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia to authorize the Borough Clerk and Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between Hi-Nella and Magnolia for 2007 Trash and Recyclable Collection in the Borough of Hi-Nella by the Borough of Magnolia.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made to adopt by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Whalen for:

RESOLUTION #2007-32

WHEREAS, the Borough of Laurel Springs has the need for trash and recyclable pick-up in their Borough; and  
 WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia has the ability to accommodate the needs of Laurel Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Bodies of both Magnolia and Laurel Springs have agreed to the compensation required of \$95,000. per year for the labor required to collect the trash and recyclables in Hi-Nella.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia to authorize the Borough Clerk and Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between Laurel Springs and Magnolia for 2007 Trash and Recyclable Collection in the Borough of Laurel Springs by the Borough of Magnolia.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince to approve, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt:

## RESOLUTION 2007:33

WHEREAS, the 4th quarter taxes of 2006 were over paid by the homeowner for B. 4.04, L. 7; and

WHEREAS, a refund is being sought by the homeowner Leslie Deans for the payment of the 4th quarter taxes of 2006 in the amount of \$350.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to refund the amount of \$350.00 for the 4th quarter taxes to B.4.04, L. 7 to the owner of Leslie Deans.

All Council vote aye by roll call vote.

Councilman DePrince made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt:

RESOLUTION #2007-34

WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia has the need of plumbing services to assist in the completion of the Community Center Project; and

WHEREAS, the Sterling High School District has the ability to assist the Borough of Magnolia for plumbing services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia and the Sterling High School District have come to an agreement for the employment of plumbers to assist in the plumbing at the Community Center Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia to authorize the Borough Clerk and Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between Sterling High School District and Magnolia for Plumbing Services for the Community Center Project.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt:

**RESOLUTION #2007-35**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia has a vacancy in the position of Code Enforcement Official; and  
WHEREAS, interviews have been conducted by the Director of Codes and a recommendation has been made to the Governing Body;  
and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to appoint the SLEO 40 Hour Police Officer of the Borough of Magnolia,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia to authorize the appointment of the SLEO 40 Hour Police Officer as the Code Enforcement Official for the Borough of Magnolia.

All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt:

**RESOLUTION #2007-36**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia is constructing a new Community Center to benefit the residents of the Borough of Magnolia;  
and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed various options to complete the construction phases of the Community Center; and  
WHEREAS, the Director of Finance and Personnel along with the Borough Clerk/Manager of Borough Services have come to an agreement for the employment of labor to complete certain phases of the Community Center Project; and  
WHEREAS the following individuals are recommended to be appointed as Building Service Workers:

Patrick J. Sofield  
Edwin L. Sofield

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia to authorize the appoint of the above Building Service Workers effective January 15, 2007.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt:

**RESOLUTION #2007-37**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Magnolia is constructing a new Community Center to benefit the residents of the Borough of Magnolia;  
and

WHEREAS, the Borough had previously awarded a contract to Superior Concrete Inc. for foundation and slab work; and  
WHEREAS, there is a change order for the addition of crushed stone aggregate for a more stable base under the concrete slab and to install required insulation around the perimeter of the foundation which has an additional amount of \$5,700.00 which is less than the NJ State allowable of 20%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Magnolia to authorize the change order to Superior Concrete in the amount of \$5,700.00.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Whalen to introduce:

Ordinance 2007:03 for Bond Ordinance for \$200,000. Capital Funding of a Trash Truck

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt:

**RESOLUTION 2007:38**

WHEREAS, the a street opening permit was issued with a deposit paid in the amount of \$1,050.00 for 729 W. Evesham Avenue, B. 8.03, L. 29; and

WHEREAS, a refund is being sought by the homeowner Jenny Kang; and  
WHEREAS, the site has been inspected and approved as completed satisfactory,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to refund the amount of \$1,050.00 for 729 W. Evesham Avenue, B.8.03, L. 29 to the owner of Jenny Kang.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, to approve the minutes for December 28, 2006, January 03, 2007 Regular Meeting and Reorganization Meeting, seconded by Councilman D'Amico, with all Council, with the exception of Councilwoman Martz who abstained from the December 28, 2006 minutes since she not present.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to approve the payment of the bills as listed on the bill list provided, seconded by Councilman Wilson, with all members voting aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to adopt Resolution 2007:39 to appoint Keren L. Shelley for Court Tape Recorder for \$35.00 a session. All Council voted aye.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt: Resolution 2007:40 to appoint Patricia Valentino Reibel for Part Time Court at \$10. an hour. All Council voted aye.

Roundtable Discussion:

Councilwoman Martz stated she was happy to have Lindsay to help with the codification.

Councilman D'Amico stated the phone lease was up and recommended to purchase the phone system rather than lease a new system. He also stated he was concluding his camera system quotes and would have a recommendation soon.

Councilman DePrince stated the ambulance alliance has been created and is called the Sterling EMS Alliance and would assist all five Sterling towns with coverage.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the public events are being scheduled for Clean Community Day, Easter Egg Hunt for which she will have the dates at the next meeting. Tavener Park renovation is moving forward.

Councilman Whalen stated the budget adoption was extended to March 12.

The Solicitor had nothing to report.

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Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to go into Executive Session (Resolution 2007:38), all Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to come out of Executive Session. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize Councilman D'Amico to move forward in the phone system lease buy out and the security camera purchase. (Resolution 2007:41) All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adjourn the meeting, with all Council voting aye.



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