

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 05, 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 Wednesday, September 05, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present, with the exception of Councilman D'Amico. The Engineer Mr. Basehore was present, as well as Mr. Bach.

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

Anthony Comella stated he was beginning to plan the 2008 Carnival to be held on the senior field. It would probably be in the Spring time.

William Anderson, 125 Jefferson Avenue stated he had a problem with a resident on his street speeding. He stated he filed a complaint and explained the Police Chief was very responsive and cooperative in helping resolve the issue.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to close the public portion. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to go into Closed Session (Resolution 2007:140). All Council voted aye.

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

At this time the 8:00 PM meeting session began.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

Pat Fagan of Otterbranch Drive was present along with other neighbors. She expressed her concerns over the recent vandalism to the Tavener Park which is near her home. She Councilwoman Bonamassa addressed her problem with details of how costly new equipment is today and also added that grant money was applied.

Matthew Ford and his wife, Brandy of 416 Otterbranch Drive spoke of a recent incident which involved calling the police out, and a confrontation with some youth of the area. Ed Coskey of 414 Otterbranch Drive stated he has lived in the area since 1958, and it has gotten worse.

Louis and Gloria Menendez of 612 Sherwood Road spoke of how they video tape certain activities at the site just to ready if something may happen.

Council agreed there should be a pet waste sign installed at the Tavener Park. Also noted and responded to by the Police Chief was the speeding and stop sign issue at the point. The Chief stated he could monitor that area.

Mayor and Council had a long discussion with the concerned residents present. The residents gave their names and contact information to the Police Chief to become active in a Neighborhood Watch Program for their area. The Council expressed their appreciation for the residents coming out and informing the Governing Body of their concerns, and were also told to become active in the new Community Center.

Peg Millisky inquired to how much the person pays when they break a piece of equipment. It was explained they pay an amount which equals the cost of the equipment but not more than the \$1000. deductible, since the Borough's insurance company pays for the loss over the \$1000.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the August 16, 2007 minutes. All Council voted aye.

No old business.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2007:141 for the NIMS guidelines and training for emergency and incident responses. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2007:142 allowing a VA Tax Deduction for B. 1.09, L. 14, and B. 6.03, L. 2 for 2007. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report/Committee Reports

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to forego the reading of the reports since the time of the meeting was late, and there were still outstanding issues to discuss. All Council voted aye.

The Engineer Mr. Basehore did briefly go over the month's activities. He explained to move forward with the Phase II of Bryant Avenue paving with the latest CDBG funding Bach Engineers would require \$850. to rebid the project.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize Bach Engineers to rebid Bryant Avenue for the \$850.00 proposal. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to open the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

No one from the public spoke.

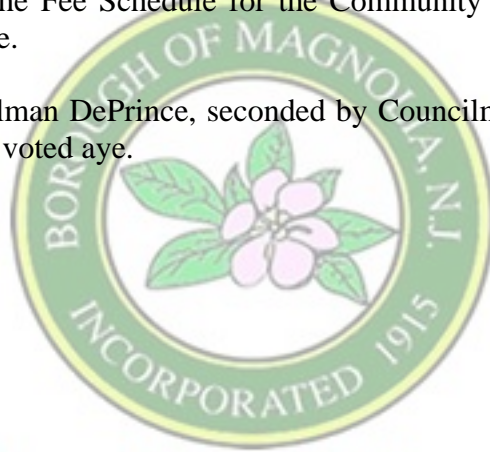
Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman DePrince to close the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize payment of the bills as was submitted by the Treasurer Robin Sarlo. All Council voted aye.

The use of the new Community Center and the fees and process of renting/utilizing the facility were discussed. Various ideas were discussed. The Clerk was to notify the organizations who currently use the Borough Hall to inform them they are to make plans to move their meetings to the center. These organizations would have first choice. Also Saturday and Sunday would be reserved for rentals to assist in offsetting the utility costs. A fee schedule was agreed upon.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Ordinance 2007:14 for the Fee Schedule for the Community Center Use. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adjourn the meeting with all Council voted aye.



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