

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2008
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 17, 2008 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 D'Amico to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman Martz seconded. All Council voting aye.

Steve Milby of 116 SW Atlantic Avenue was present to explain how he did not feel the new Ordinance for Landlord Registration was fair due to the fee of \$200. per unit. He owns a multiunit home.

David Secara representing Coventry Apartments was present to state he was available for a meeting of the landlords and the Council to meet and to discuss this topic in detail. Ralph Skidmore was present as well, a landlord of a single family home, and was eager to discuss this further.

Kim Moore a tenant was concerned with the new ordinance since her landlord was planning to pass the fee on to her as the tenant, which would cost her more in rent.

There were a few other multiunit landlords present, but they did not speak, but were amicable to another meeting to further discuss this topic.

Michael Moore (not related to Kim Moore) owner of two duplexes at 725-727 Warwick Road spoke of his concern with the Ordinance.

Council agreed to set another meeting where at least all apartment complex owners could be present to discuss this Ordinance.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Fireperson's Association Membership:

Robert J. Knecht

Michael T. Wolf, Jr.

Robert Worthington

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the membership of these three people. All Council voted aye.

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

RESOLUTION #2008-32 To Authorize Execution of the 2008 Auditor's Contract.

All Council voted aye.

Councilman DePrince motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilman Whalen for:

RESOLUTION 2008-33 Authorizing the Application for an Involuntary Retirement for Officer Pratt.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made to introduce Ordinance 2008:05 by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz for:

Ordinance 2008:05 Amend Council Committee Titles – Planning/Zoning, Codes, Licensing & Street Lighting; and Economic Development, Technology & Compliance.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made to introduce Ordinance 2008:06 by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince for:

Ordinance 2008:06 Amend Chapter 270-16 Parking Stalls to be 9 feet x 18 feet.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made to adopt by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz for:

RESOLUTION #2008-34 Authorize Animal Shelter Agreement for 2008

All Council voted aye.

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

Resolution 2008:35 Authorize the Sterling High Band Boosters to use the Community Center and pay for only the Borough portion of the police protection.

All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, to table the minutes for December 05, 2007, December 28, 2007, January 02, 2008 until the February 06, 2008 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Whalen, with all Council. All Council voted aye.

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

Roundtable Discussion:

The Engineer Mr. Bach stated he reviewed the sign application for Columbo's Liquor which has been requested by Council at the last meeting. The sign complies with the Borough Ordinances.

He stated Charles Avenue and Madison Avenue projects should be ready soon.

The Solicitor was requested by Council to summarize the three interlocal agreements requested by Somerdale regarding Lion's Head Plaza. He stated he would email the summary to Mayor and Council.

Councilman Wilson stated DPW is trying to complete the last of the leaves, and commented about a curbside tree falling on Evesham Avenue.

Councilwoman Martz stated the new Construction Official was doing well, and that he met with all his counterparts. She was requesting a new computer for the Construction Official.

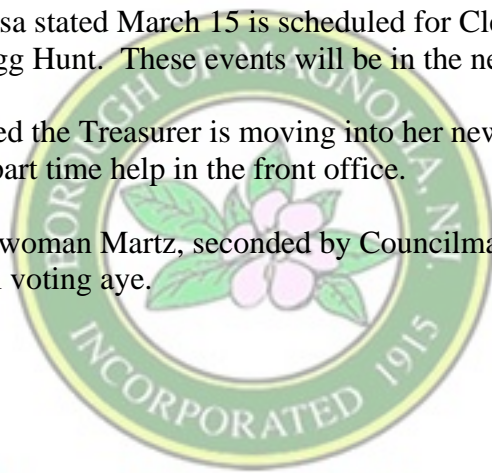
Councilman D'Amico stated the camera project was still moving along, with some issues regarding permits, which have been issued now. The new system upgrades are in from Dell.

Councilman DePrince stated two crossing guards had been injured in the job, and are doing well.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated March 15 is scheduled for Clean Community Day, and March 23 is the Easter Egg Hunt. These events will be in the next newsletter.

Councilman Whalen stated the Treasurer is moving into her new office, and interviews are being conducted for part time help in the front office.

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



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