

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 01, 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 council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Wednesday, October 01, 2008 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 Engineers Mr. Basehore and Mr. Bach were present.

At 7:00 PM the Council reviewed the agenda for 8:00 PM.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to open the meeting to the Public. All voted in favor.

No public spoke.

Motion by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the meeting to the Public. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to go into Closed Session (Resolution 2008:151), with Council voting aye.

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

The 8:00 PM meeting session began.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman DePrince to open the meeting to the public. All Council vote aye.

No one from the Public spoke.

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

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting. All Council voted aye.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2008:152 to appoint Municipal Building Employee Sharon Smith at the rate of \$28.00 per hour. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2008:153 to place a maintenance lien on B. 6.05, L. 27 for 509 Johnson Place. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2008:154 to oppose the closing of St. Gregory's Church and request a meeting with the Bishop. The Resolution was read by Councilman DePrince. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman DePrince motioned, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2008:155 to accept the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program for Fire and Ambulance Volunteers. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen read the Treasurer's Report submitted by Treasurer Robin Sarlo.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the rec center has re-opened for open gym nights, but Fridays are not open yet due to the lack of volunteers to staff the building that night. Halloween House Decorating will take place, and the Halloween Parade will take place October 30. The rec center is being used by the scouts and cheerleading and basketball with Sterling league until December.

Councilman Wilson read the DPW report stating vehicle maintenance, leaf collection machine are getting ready, and street sweeping completed. Report was submitted by Steve Pacella.

Councilwoman Martz read the Construction Report for the month of September submitted by Denise O'Kane. She also read the Code Enforcement report. She stated Mount Olive Church application was preliminarily approved at the last Planning Board Meeting.

Councilman DePrince read the Police, Court, Ambulance and Fire reports for the month of October. The Sterling EMS has a recent meeting and he reported the status of the group is very good.

Councilman Whalen stated the Tax Sale went fine, and that the sewer delinquency statements were sent out. The final 2008 tax bills also went out now that the budget was finally completed.

The Engineer stated the Charles and Madison Project was going well. They have some issue with soft soils which required further inspections. The NJEIT projects were still requiring some punch list items to be sent to the State for review prior to award.

The Solicitor had nothing to report in open session.

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

Alex Esposito, 407 Brooke Avenue had some questions concerning the Mount Olive Church approval at the Planning Board.

Andrew Ballinger inquired to the soft spots mentioned regarding the Charles Road Project. Mr. Bach explained to Mr. Ballinger how old roads were constructed and the concern with the soft spots.

Peg Millisky of Otterbranch Drive asked about the intersection of Grant Avenue and Otterbranch Drive.

Mr. Esposito inquired about the light at the Community Center parking lot and a void in the NW corner of sidewalk at Walnut and Brooke Avenues.

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

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the payment of the bills. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

The Reorganization Date was set for January 07, 2009 for the business meeting at 6pm, and the ceremonial meeting at 7pm.

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

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