

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 04, 2006
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 04, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present. Steve Bach, the Engineer was also present.

The agenda was reviewed during the work session beginning at 7:00 PM.

No one from the public was present to speak at the 7:00 session.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince to go into Closed Session (Resolution 2006:161), seconded by Councilwoman Martz. All Council voted aye. Motion made by Councilman Whalen to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Councilman D'Amico, with all Council voting aye.

The Regular Session of the Council Meeting began.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman Whalen seconded. All Council voted aye.

Linda Waite and Nick Keller of 402 Otterbranch spoke of their concern regarding car trailers parked on the street across from their home, as well as cars being repaired at the home across from theirs. The Clerk agreed to mail to her a copy of the ordinance on the restricted weight class of vehicles on the street. Also the Chief was present and would look into this issue. The Mayor also stated she should contact the police when ever she feels there is a problem.

Motion by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to close the public portion, with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson to approve the September 21, 2006 minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman DePrince, with all Council voting aye.

At this time the Engineer gave his report. He stated the bids were received for the two road projects. The low bid for Gloucester Avenue was DeMigle Construction which he recommended for award this evening. The other being for Bryant Aveue which he stated upon review, the quantities were too high and recommended it be rebid in time for the next meeting. He stated it would still be able to be completed prior to the winter weather. He also gave information regarding the State Infrastructure Grant. The Mayor and Council agreed on the items listed. A meeting was to be set to meet informally with the State DEP, and the application would be submitted soon after that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to table this Ordinance until a final draft can be reviewed of the PILOT Agreement for FedEx. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt:

RESOLUTION 2006-162**AWARD OF BID – GLOUCESTER AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has authorized the Borough Engineer to design plans and specifications, as well as advertise and bid for the Gloucester Avenue Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2006 bids were received for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the low bid was received by DeMeglio Construction Company in the amount of \$169,677.50; and

WHEREAS, the amount is above the Engineer's estimate by only \$2,362.50, but there is sufficient funding for award,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Magnolia, Camden County, New Jersey to award the bid to DeMeglio Construction Company in the amount of \$169,677.50.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION 2006-163**REJECTION OF BIDS – BRYANT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has authorized the Borough Engineer to design plans and specifications, as well as advertise and bid for the Bryant Avenue Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2006 bids were received for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the bids received were over the Engineer's estimate as well as over the allocated funding for the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Magnolia, Camden County, New Jersey to reject the bids received for the Bryant Avenue Reconstruction Project since the CFO is not able to certify the funding for the project.

FURTHERMORE, to authorize the Engineer to rebid the Bryant Avenue Project and receive bids for review and approval by October 19, 2006.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Martz to adopt:

RESOLUTION 2006-164**APPOINTMENT OF S.L.E.O. II OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the request has been made to by the Chief of Police for the appointment of a S.L.E.O. II officer; and

WHEREAS, this appointment will be effective from October 01, 2006 through December 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the officer to be appointed is Bradley R. Redrow S.L.E.O. II 40 hour; and David Bryson as S.L.E.O.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Magnolia, Camden County, New Jersey that this S.L.E.O. II Officer is hereby appointed through December 31, 2005.

All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Councilman Whalen read the Treasurer's Report stating the balances of the accounts as well as the revenue and expenses for the month prior. Also YTD collection was also accounted.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Bonamassa the Halloween House judging would take place on October 22, and the Halloween Parade was set for October 30. Garden State Paving and Magnolia Garden both gave proposals for work to help with the Tavener Park revitalization. The new windows at the Borough Hall have been completed. There was a Community Center Meeting with the Facilities Commmittee tonight and they are moving forward on planning. The building will be delivered this month.

Councilman Wilson stated DPW will start leaf pick up at the end of October. There was a gas problem with the gas service at the Borough Hall which he was taking care of by meeting with South Jersey Gas Company. The old flags along Evesham Avenue have been taken care of by DPW. He read the monthly report regarding DPW on trash tonnage, and fuel usage.

Councilwoman Martz read construction report submitted by the Construction Technical Assistant.

Councilman D'Amico stated the Planning Board had met with the past month with the Daycare which will be continued at the October meeting, along with AVI auto dealership. Also Round 3 COAH Housing Element was submitted by William Harris, and the Public Hearing for this will take place at the October meeting. Steve Bach presented the amendment to the Atlantic Avenue Redevelopment Plan to the Board. He will be presenting more information to the Board in October. The businesses in town were sent post cards to invite them to the White Horse Pike Coalition Meeting on October 9. There will be a guest speaker that night from the South Jersey Chamber of Commerce. There has been an update to the Magnolia website which now allows you to search the records by a "word".

Councilman DePrince read the monthly Police Report, as well the Court Report. The ambulance report was not submitted, but he will forward it to the clerk. The Fire Report was already sent to the website. He announced that October 18, 2006 in the evening will be the third annual Fire Prevention Night at Sterling High School. All five local towns will be participating.

Councilman Whalen stated the tax collection rate is at 96.8% which is about what the 2006 budget anticipated. There are a few businesses behind in their taxes, which letters are going out this week to address the issue. He also noted classes being taken by the CFO, Deputy Clerk, and Financial Assistant. The position open in the front office has a few applicants, and interviews will be scheduled.

The Solicitor stated he had nothing to report this month.

Motion by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to open the meeting to the public, all Council voted aye.

Peg Millisky of 318 Otterbranch Road inquired to the cameras at Tavener Park. Councilman D'Amico stated the wireless cameras he planned for the park will not work due to them not being able to communicate clearly with the base at Borough Hall due to obstructions like the trees, etc. between the two sites. The resident also reported kids at the Cooper Wright Field at nights. She was told to contact the police when she hears the kids there. She also inquired to the housing to be built on that same area. Councilman D'Amico stated there was no active application at this time, but did anticipate one in the future.

Andrew Ballinger thanked the Mayor and Council for awarding the bid and purchasing the new ambulance. He stated it would be delivered in about 10 months when it is done being built.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close the meeting to the public, all Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the payment of the bills as listed on the bill list. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

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



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