

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 04, 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, June 04, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Mayor Cowling-Carson and Councilman DePrince were absent. The Engineer Mr. Basehore was present.

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

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

Alex Esposito of 407 N. Brook Avenue, Magnolia came forth to state he was reserving to speak of the lights at the Community Center later in the meeting.

Mr. Esposito was also asked by the Solicitor that the two cameras in the room this evening were his? Mr. Esposito stated they were. The Solicitor inquired if the video was for broadcast? Mr. Esposito answered that there were not, and he was working for an attorney.

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

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to go into Closed Session (Resolution 2008:85), with Council voting aye.

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

At 8:00 PM a motion was made by Councilman D'Amico to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman Whalen seconded. All Council voting aye.

Steve O'Brien of Jackson Avenue spoke of a rental property located at 316 Jackson Avenue which the tenants seem to be an issue. The Police Chief was present and he commented that the son had left the home and it has been quiet since that time. The Chief also commented to Mr. O'Brien that he could file a complaint at any time,

Sandra Brosious of 208 W. Washington was present and spoke of a rental property on her street which had three apartment units at 223 W. Washington Avenue. She stated the children living in the units seem to be most of the problem after they get home from school. She stated there are lots of children congregating in the street. She stated they ranged in age from very little to teenagers. The resident at 230 W. Washington also spoke. She asked for children at play signs to be posted. The resident from 224 W. Washington, Ken Machinsky was also present and spoke. The neighbor next to the property also spoke.

Mr. Esposito of 407 W. Brook spoke of an issue regarding loud stereo music from vehicles. He suggested to have an ordinance that allows home owners to file charges and the Chief of Police stated if a homeowner wanted to sign the complaint he can come forth. Mr. Esposito also spoke of the newly installed lights at the Community Center parking lot. He inquired to when they were installed, and was given an answer 2-3 weeks ago. He inquired if they were installed and activated the same day, and he was given the answer of yes. He asked what the borough did to address correcting the light issues, and council stated the lights were adjusted downward. Councilwoman Martz stated a light shield could be installed if the issue was still a problem. Mr. Esposito also commented of drunkenness on his street and from the Community Center, but thankful the Council has limited party functions.

Jennifer Stuart of 226 E. Williams Avenue, Barrington spoke of political signs on Davis Road. She inquired to signs on Davis Road. Mr. Esposito asked about the property along the road edge if the Borough owned it. He commented to how the Borough knew to remove the sign on the future site of the Magnolia Commons. The Chief of Police responded the police removed the sign since it was there without the owner's permission. Mrs. Stuart asked that the political signs on Davis Road be removed as well.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting. All Council voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to approve Resolution 2008:71 for the ABC License for year 08-09 for Triple D's of SJ, Inc. (Liquor Mill). All Council voted aye.

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Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2008:72 for the ABC License for year 08-09 for American Legion Post 370. All Council voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

The representative for the new Arby's Site was present. He stated the site is corporate leased, and the corporate sites are not usually franchised out in the future. The hours of operation were discussed. Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve the Business License. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the Public Hearing for the CDBG Re-Allocation of Year 28 (2006) and Year 29 (2007) funding to Year 30, all Council voted aye. There were no comments from the Public. Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the Public Hearing. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution 2008:86 to authorize the re-allocation of years 28 and 29 CDBG funding. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2008:87 to appoint Summer Help Sandra Reeves-Brosious. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution 2008:88 to authorize the execution of the Open Space Agreement for the lighting of the fields at the Recreation Complex for \$25,000. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2008:89 to authorize the reduction of Bond Amount for Columbo's Liquor to \$65,127.60. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2008:90 authorize the placement of Maintenance Liens on certain properties where work has been performed by the Borough. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2008:91 for the ABC License for Columbo's 08-09. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution 2008:92 to authorize the NJDOT Application for Williams Road from Phillips to Morrow to be made by the Engineer. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the resolution 2008:93 to authorize the Solicitor to take personnel action. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve Resolution 2008:94 to authorize estimated tax bills for the third quarter 2008. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Bonamassa to approve the DPW Temporary Labors pay increase. All Council voted aye.

The Treasurer Report was read by Councilman Whalen.
Committee Reports

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the Miss Magnolia Pageant was cancelled. Summer Rec has 40 children enrolled beginning June 23 at the Community Center. The 4th of July events were being planned. National Night Out and Movie Night possibly at the Community Center. Concert in the Park was planned. Crossing guards were planned for two locations. Councilwoman Bonamassa would email the Chief of Police.

Councilman Wilson stated the DPW patched pot holes and have been busy.

Councilman Martz read her report from Code Enforcement Officer Lally and the Construction Department Report.

Councilman Whalen stated the borough was waiting for the State response to assist the municipalities. The temporary budget was still in place.

Councilman D'Amico stated the safety reports were being worked on and have to be submitted in July. The website forms should all be working now since he did work on the website to correct them.

The Engineer stated he had received bids on the NJEIT projects and was waiting for NJEIT approval.

The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the meeting to the Public. All Council voted aye.

Mr. Esposito of Brook Avenue asked some questions of Councilman D'Amico regarding the website.

Jennifer Stuart of E. Williams Avenue, Barrington made a statement that she hoped the borough would begin taping meetings. Mr. Esposito added he would donate a computer if needed.

Dan Stuart made a comment that his heartfelt wishes go to the Mayor and her family due to the illness of the Mayor's daughter.

Motion made by Councilman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to close the meeting to the Public. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to pay the bills. All Council voted aye by roll call.

Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman Bonamassa to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye.

