

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held January 16, 2014, at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE AND STATE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY VIRTUE OF A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR THE YEAR 2014; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 7, 2014, AND WAS PUBLISHED IN THE *MORRIS NEWSBEE* AND IN THE *DAILY RECORD* AND BY THE FORWARDING OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO ALL PERSONS ON THE REQUEST LIST; BY THE POSTING OF SUCH RESOLUTION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH HALL; ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, *ET SEQ.*

Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler  
Council President George J. Coogan  
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
Jason C. Karr  
Frank Mangravite  
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Councilmember Laurie J. Fu

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone has any questions concerning the Consent Calendar. There were no questions. He advised that Anna and Oleh Denysyk, 43 Grove Avenue, Morris Plains, are having a thank-you party from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. tomorrow (January 17<sup>th</sup> 2014). All Councilmembers are invited to attend. They are the residents who had a very large tree fall on their house during one of the storms. It will be an informal gathering. He asked Councilmember McCluskey to ensure the Police and Fire Departments are aware of this invitation. He thinks this is a nice gesture on their part.

Councilmember McCluskey advised they have been advised; she also advised the Morris Minute Men.

#### **Teen Pride Presentation – Kathy Hyland, Presenter**

Mayor Druetzler introduced each Councilmember, advising that Councilmember Fu is absent due to a death in the family.

Ms. Hyland thanked the Mayor and the Council for letting them provide their presentation in the Community of Caring. She provided a basic history of the Teen Pride organization together with the overall goals and purposes of Teen Pride. She believes the program has continued to be successful as it has grown over the years. She stated that all the children are “our kids” and it is “our town”. She stated it is important to provide these young people with activities to do after school. They also provide after-school counseling; in fact they provide counseling on a 24-hour a day basis as needed, especially if families are involved.

Continuing, Ms. Hyland advised that it is important to have safe communities and good school systems. She believes she can see positive differences in Morristown. Morristown and Morris Township fund this program and the school district provides \$200,000. Grants are also received from a variety of institutions and organizations. She commented on Municipal Alliance funding that previously was awarded to them for this program, but this funding must now be distributed for other purposes, too. She and they are hoping that as a result of their

presentation that Morris Plains will be agreeable to supporting Teen Pride to some degree, whatever it can be. She introduced Jeff Maco and Rob Goldberg.

Mr. Maco is the organization's Lead Counselor. He is a social worker and has worked in State drug programs, with a New Brunswick judge in connection with a scared straight program, with different family therapy programs and provided services for Madison, Chatham, Florham Park, and East Hanover with the Police Departments and also with school districts. He also provided additional historical data about Teen Pride. All eight counselors are licensed clinical social workers working part time with no benefits in connection with Teen Pride. They see approximately 300 students each year; currently the number is about 200 with 29 being from Morris Plains. Their issues range from failing grades to divorce situations, depression, suicide attempts, substance use, bullying problems, HIV harassment, cutting, eating disorders, and anxiety. Of the 29 Morris Plains students being counseled, five have outside therapists.

Continuing, Mr. Maco advised there are eight different groups in addition to counseling students individually and for family work. The eight groups are involved with grief, immigration, Ala-teen, and healthy dating situations and similar kinds of needs. They also provide counseling during the summertime. He recounted recently meeting a young man he had counseled years ago who today has good things happening for him. There are many options of when, where and how to meet, particularly when parents or families are involved. He reported he has been in various municipal courts, including Morris Plains. He believes he has been in the Morris Plains court only once or twice; but he reminded there are eight counselors, and he is uncertain how often others might have been there. He provided the names of several other counselors and explained what areas of counseling they and others address on behalf of the children needing help. The 29 Morris Plains clients range from a few in the middle school (two or three) to the remainder who are in the high school. Some students are in out-of-district schools or special needs schooling. He provided general information on the areas of concerns/problems of why children have been referred to this service. He advised they have several interns working with Teen Pride, too.

Mr. Ron Goldberg introduced himself to the Mayor and Councilmembers stating he is a Board member for Teen Price and has been for five years. He provided information on what his responsibilities are within the organization. He addressed the budget shortfall that the organization is currently experiencing and also gave information on enhanced plans for being of greater service to all the community governments, recreation departments, and schools that Teen Pride serves.

Cross discussion including that speaking with the Municipal Alliance to seek financial support probably would be a good idea; that any amount Morris Plains can contribute will be helpful; that the Mayor established a committee, Councilmembers Cecala, Fu, and Mangravite asking them to visit the Teen Pride office to talk with other staff members; how Teen Pride is trying to obtain financial support from a variety of sources; issues relating to County funding for this and similar groups; the types of programs already existing in Morris Plains (Teen Center and Kids Helping Kids were examples); funding provided by other municipalities (Morristown and Morris Township) and locating their budget allocations within their budgets; possibly using the Community Center for Teen Pride activities; whether any of the families of the children in the program donate any funding, compliments and support received from County Prosecutors over the years and informing teachers of the existence of the Teen Pride counseling services for students who could benefit from them.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked everyone for coming to this meeting and providing the information about Teen Pride.

Mayor Druetzler asked Councilmember Mangravite about names for the Teen Center. Why doesn't the Teen Center provide a list of names for the appointments at the January re-organization meeting.

Councilmember Mangravite advised these names are for next year, and they are being appointed now to allow for time to become familiar with the Teen Center operation.

Further discussion on this subject will occur in the Executive Session.

Councilmember Karr commented that the Finance Department is in its busiest time of the year and asked that they not be unnecessarily “bothered” at this time and also that responses back may take a bit longer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2014-34 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Coogan moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Councilmember McCluskey moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

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Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Councilmember Laurie J. Fu

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney  
Leon C. Hall, PE, Borough Engineer

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Coogan moved:

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of December 5<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Mangravite advised he has two problems with these minutes which he explained. One related to his stating “that he is indeed involved in contract, construction, and maintenance.” It should just be contract and construction, not maintenance since this is Councilmember Cecala’s area.

Councilmember Mangravite commented that this applies to both minutes in that the Executive Sessions do not have any subjects stated in the minutes; just that the Session started and ended.

Mayor Druetzler stated that Executive Session minutes are always separate – an entirely separate page.

The Borough Clerk will make the first change which was accepted by Councilmember Coogan and seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Coogan moved:

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of December 19<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Councilmember Coogan abstained.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Coogan moved:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, that the attached reports be accepted and that said reports be kept on file in the Clerk's Office:

**REPORTS**

Tax Collector, December 2013  
Treasurer, December 2013  
Tipping Fees, December 2013  
Tax Collector, Year End 2013

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

*THAT* the Resolution No. 2014-35 entitled "BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS SUSTAINABLE JERSEY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM," be adopted as attached.

*THAT* the PUBIC HEARING ON Morris Plains Contracting Soil Disturbance Permit application for Block 121, lot 1, 182-200 Tabor Road, Morris Plains is hereby rescheduled to February 6, 2014 at 8:30 p.m.

*THAT* the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Cash Maintenance Guarantee Agreement with Coty, Inc., concerning Block 11, Lot 1.05, known as 500 The American Road, Morris Plains, N.J. in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

*THAT* Jenifer Dicker; 7 Beech Drive, be appointed a member of the Teen Center which term will expire December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. .

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Yeas: Councilmembers Coogan, Cecala, Karr, Coogan, Mangravite, McCluskey  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilmember Laurie J. Fu  
Abstain: None

Mayor Druetzler advised that Councilmember Fu is not at tonight's meeting because of the passing of her father-in-law. Her mother-in-law passed away only three months ago. Condolences have been sent to the Fu family.

**GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public. Seeing no one, he closed the public portion of this meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Finance**

Councilmember Karr advised he has two matters. He advised about the P-Cards. There will be another software update for the website. The Webmaster would like to receive the dates for 2014 Board of Health meetings. There is now capability for photos and articles on the website.

**Public Safety**

Councilmember McCluskey advised that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be open the entire week of the Super Bowl since this event is considered a statewide event. The Chief will be taking the shift from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday at their OEM office.

The Police Chief advised the OEM Center will be operational from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. starting Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 and probably going through Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. He spoke about anticipated extra activity at the train

station. He provided information about other personnel who will be present (Fire, EMS, possibly Board of Health, too). The AFC team will be at the Jets facility, probably arriving on Wednesday. He advised there will be 900 troopers at the game and countless others law enforcement members. He also spoke about the parking that will be available at the stadium and other related matters such as park & ride locations.

The Chief also reported on E-Ticket. He thinks that this system will be able to be up and running around mid to late February. He commented on help he is receiving from Congressman Frelinghuysen on an appeal project. He also commented on the new rifles purchased by the Police Department. He advised that the MADD awards presentation will be in June.

### **Public Works**

Councilmember Cecala commented on the report submitted by the Department of Public Works Superintendent. He also mentioned the new existing sanitary sewer system for the Borough of Morris Plains. The Borough Engineer will be provided with a copy also.

Mr. Hall commented on the plans for the Community Center parking lot re-paving and sidewalk on Granniss Avenue. Hillview Avenue and Dayton Road are already underway and should be done in several weeks. He received the street opening permit from the Borough Clerk's office this morning for QuickChek at Stiles Avenue.

### **Public Buildings & Grounds**

No report.

### **Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers**

Councilmember Mangravite commented on the sewer map(s); he complimented Mr. Hall on their quality. He thanked Mr. Hall.

### **Ordinance & Public Utilities**

Councilmember Coogan stated he had no report.

### **PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.**

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Seeing none, Mayor Druetzler closed the public hearing.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilmember Coogan introduced the following ordinance and read the same by title and moved that it be passed on First Reading.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2014**

**AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE , RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO THE PORTION OF BRYCE WAY ADJOINING BLOCK 182, LOT 12 AND BLOCK 171, LOT 14 SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATION TO THE BOROUGH OF A UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN SAID PORTIONS OF BRYCE WAY AND TO AMEND THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH CONSISTENT THEREOF.**

Councilmember Karr seconded the motion.

Yeas: Councilmembers Coogan, Cecala, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilmember Fu  
Abstain: None

Thereupon, Councilmember Coogan offered the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this meeting on January 16<sup>h</sup> 2014 and passed on First Reading.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** at a meeting to be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 8:30 P.M. prevailing time in the Municipal Building in the said Borough, this Council will further consider for Second Reading and final passage of said ordinance.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of this Borough be and she is hereby directed to publish and mail the proper notice thereof, including the ordinance, post the ordinance on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and make copies available to members of the general public.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Coogan introduced the following ordinance and read the same by title and moved that it be passed on First Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-2014**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED PARKING AND DRIVEWAY EASEMENT WITHIN BRYCE WAY, AN UNIMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY, TO MICHAEL E. ROLPH AND KARA CAZZETTO RELATING TO THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES LOCATED AT BLOCK 182, LOT 12, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 50 MALAPARDIS ROAD.**

Councilmember Karr seconded the motion.

Yeas: Councilmembers Coogan, Cecala, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilmember Fu  
Abstain: None

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Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VOUCHERS**

Councilmember Karr moved the vouchers for January 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 for approval. The vouchers are in the total amount of \$3,572,509.95

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Yeas: Councilmembers Coogan, Cecala, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Fu

Abstain: None

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Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Councilmember Coogan moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk

