

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held February 20th 2014, at 7:33 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
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala, Jr.
George J. Coogan
Laurie J. Fu
Jason C. Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: None

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had questions on the Consent Calendar. He also commented on the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade and that there will be a filming at a property in Morris Plains relating home renovation.

Councilmember Karr advised that the letter received from the Treasurer has an incorrect date; it should be February 27, 2014. The auditors are scheduled to be here on March 3 – March 7, 2014.

Councilmember Coogan reported on the status of the back-up generator for the Borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council President Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2014-40 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. 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 7:59 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held February 20th, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

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Absent: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

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

Borough Clerk, January 2014
Animal Licensing, January 2014
Police Department, January 2014
Sanitarian, January 2014
Tax Collector, January 2014
Fire Prevention, January 2014
Building Inspector, January 2014
Tipping Fees, End of year 2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-41 entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SOIL DISTURBANCE PERMIT TO MORRIS PLANS CONTRACTING, LLC ,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-42 entitled, “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LIEN BLOCK 66, LOT 17,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-43 entitled, “REDEMPTION RESOLUTION BLOCK NO. 141, LOT NO. 9 REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-44 entitled, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-45 entitled, “TRANSFER OF FUNDS,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Memorial Day Parade Committee be granted permission to hold its 28th Annual Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 24th 2014.

THAT Susan Carey, Chateau Tierry Avenue, Madison, N.J., be hired as part-time summer Camp Director for the 2014 Summer Recreation Program, at an annual salary of \$7,000.00, effective March 3rd 2014.

THAT having received quotes for the purchase and installation of heaters at the Department of Public Works, Building #2:

Donnelly	\$7,568.90
Webster Plumbing & Heating	\$5,950.00
Air Group, LLC	\$4,500.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Air Group, LLC, Whippany, N.J., in the amount of \$4,500.00

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Mountain Way Paving Project, with bids to be received on Wednesday, April 2nd 2014, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

THAT Dara Tanzola, Court Administrator, be compensated in the amount of \$150.00 for the Special Court held February 19, 2014.

THAT Michael Carlucci, Esq., Judge, be compensated in the amount of \$250.00 for the Special Court held February 19, 2014.

THAT Matthew Petracco, Prosecutor, be compensated in the amount of \$200.00 for the Special Court held February 19, 2014.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute the 2013 Extension Letter of Agreement for Municipal Alliance funding.

THAT Karen Dovano, 62 Grove Avenue, be appointed a member of the Municipal Alliance which term expires December 31st 2014.

THAT Stephanie Crowley, 4 Trowbridge Road, be appointed a member of the Municipal Alliance which term expires December 31st 2014.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

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

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 that the budgets will be in the mailboxes a week prior to the budget meeting. Roseann will take a Clerk's program on elections on four Wednesdays in March and April.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised she does not have a report.

The Police Chief reported on the status of the close-out report in connection with the Hurricane Sandy issues. He anticipates that once all the documentation is submitted and approved, the Borough will receive a check in the amount of \$101,000.00. A copy of a letter from FEMA to the State Police was received. This letter also relates to Sandy issues. He also commented on a truck that needs repair; the work is expected to be done on or about March 3rd. He also reported on an individual who fell (on his left side).

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala referred to the report from DPW superintendent Joseph Signorelli, including issues relating to snow removal and the salt supply. The 2013-2014 deer cull has ended. There will be an end-of-the-cull season with those who participated. The total number of deer culled was 19. He provided additional comment on other municipalities deer cull activities.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that the Recreation Commission Events Coordinator position has been posted on the town hall bulletin board. The Commission members had also requested a meeting with Borough School representatives to discuss field preparation issues, and this meeting has taken place. The School requested that any groups using the field clean up before they leave. She also reported on the allocated hours of usage on turf fields.

Councilmember Fu reported that the funds were received from the State for the first fall planting.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported that the Municipal Alliance has two new members. He also advised the trash pick-up has been "messy" due to the weather conditions and provided details of areas where there were more problems than others.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan advised on the approval of the generator for the town hall building. He has received communication from the company advising it will take 4-8 weeks to order the equipment and then they will provide a construction schedule. He will advise the Police Chief and Councilmember McCluskey before any of the work begins.

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. 4-2014

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15.

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Thereupon, Councilmember Coogan offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this meeting on February 20th 2014 and passed on First Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on March 6th 2014 at 8:30 PM 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.

Councilmember Karr seconded the resolution. Voice vote. All in favor.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Due to the need to revise the newspaper Legal Notices,

Ordinance 1-2014

Ordinance 2-2014

Ordinance 3-2014

The three stated ordinances were tabled until the next Council meeting which is scheduled for March 6th 2014.

Councilmember Coogan moved that Ordinances 1-2014, 2-2014, and 3-2014 be tabled until the next Borough Council meeting, seconded Councilmember Karr. Voice vote. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved the vouchers for February 20th 2014 in the amount of \$2,616,874.25 be approved, seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Councilmember Coogan moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

