

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held March 20th 2014, at 7:30 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: George J. Coogan
Joseph Cecala, Jr.
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 any questions on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Druetzler advised that the Borough did not receive the dredging grant for the Pond. He next commented on the Highlands Commission, the process that was done at the time, and a meeting that he and Council President Coogan attended recently with various members (Gene Fyle, Margaret Nordstrom, et al.) of the Highlands Commission. He explained that at this meeting there was discussion about the Borough being able to pass a resolution to leave the Highlands Commission, even though neither he nor Council President Coogan remembered ever knowing about this possibility. Information will be sent to the Council regarding this. There was also discussion about a larger buffer perhaps being possible along a stream along Route 53.

Council President Coogan provided additional information on the discussion regarding the potential stream encroachment and the Highlands Commission participation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He believed the stream encroachment might be worth it if there is some help offered.

Mayor Druetzler stated they will await more information in writing to be received. He next discussed about Mary Phillips being in touch with him several times about a plaque in honor of her father being placed at Community Park on the stone that contains "1664 – 1964". He asked when the plaque placement ceremony should be held.

Cross discussion about this ceremony, including possibly holding on Family Day (June 28) as well as the date for the opening of the time capsule. It was decided that the plaque placement and the opening of the

time capsule would both be done on Family Day, Saturday, June 28, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Druetzler advised that the Freeholder Budget Subcommittee wants to visit the municipalities to provide a 15-minute overview of their budget. It was decided to invite them to attend the next meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Continuing, Mayor Druetzler commented on Mack-Cali's proposal. He thought it would be a good idea to invite them to make a presentation. All Council members believed it was a good idea to invite them, and the invitation will be extended to Mack-Cali to attend the Council's second April meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Cross discussion about the proposed State plan to install a jughandle in the area of Weichert's property at Johnson Road, including attempts to have a third lane installed on Route 10 to lower the accident rate; doubts that this will ever happen; exactly where the proposed roadway work is located; and how the proposed work would continue if the Mark-Cali proposal was approved.

Councilmember Mangravite commented on the Johnson Road sewer pump station. He wondered if Mr. Hall is aware that there is no intention of replacing this structure at this time.

Mayor Druetzler advised that since this is not included in Mr. Hall's January report, he can conclude that Mr. Hall has deleted as a project and that he knows nothing will be done.

Councilmember Mangravite asked if a letter should be sent officially advising Mr. Hall of this. He is uncertain as to whether or not any work is still being done by Mr. Hall on any plans regarding the pump station.

Mayor Druetzler stated he believes Mr. Hall can just be told about this; no letter needs to be sent. Mr. Hall can be asked as to what, if any, work he is doing in connection with the pump station.

Councilmembers Cecala and Fu reported on the Teen Pride meeting held on Monday, March 17, 2014.

Council President Coogan commented Verizon vouchers. There used to be five bills with sales tax, and now there are just two with sales tax. The remaining two are being worked on. He commented on what has been happening with a certain utility pole located at Granniss Avenue and Brook Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council President Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2014-54 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Council President Coogan moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Managravite.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held March 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Coogan moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of March 6th 2014.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor, with the exception of Councilmember Cecala who abstained and Councilmember Mangravite who voted Nay. Motion carried.

Councilmember Coogan moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 7th 2014.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor (with the exception of Councilmember Cecala who abstained). Motion carried.

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, February 2014
Animal Licensing, February 2014
Treasurer, January & February 2014
Tipping Fees, January & February 2014
Tax collector, February 2014
Police Department, February 2014
Building Inspector, February 2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT having received quotes for the 2014 water treatment to Community Park Pond and Watnong Pond from the following:

Aquatic Technologies, Inc.	
Community Park Pond	\$1,372.00
Watnong Park Pond	\$ 910.00
Princeton Hydro	
Community Park Pond	\$2,955.00
Watnong Park Pond	\$2,250.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Aquatic Technologies, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$2,282.00.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Jonah DeFrank, 69 Watnong Drive, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

THAT having received quotes for an Ebera Pump for the American Road Pumping Station from the following:

Dave Heiner Associates, Inc.	\$10,420.00
Clearwater Services	\$ 9,852.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Clearwater Services, Lincoln Park, New Jersey, in the amount of \$9,852.00.

THAT having received quotes for a CAT 320 excavator for eight (8) hours of work digging test holes at 260 Tabor Road from the following:

W. J. Harrington & Sons	\$1,410.00
R & R Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,550.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to W. J. Harrington & Sons in the amount of \$1,410.00.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for a Contract for "Tree Planting-Supply and Installation of Street Trees at Various Locations in the Borough of Morris Plains, Contract A. 2014 with bids to be received on Tuesday, April 8th 2014, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

THAT Morris Plains Co-Op Play School be granted permission to use Roberts Garden on Saturday, May 17th, 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., with a raindate of Sunday, May 18th and Saturday, June 7th, 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., with a raindate of Sunday, June 8th, for a family photo fundraiser.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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 the auditors will submit their report shortly. The Library will be holding its semi-annual shredding event on Saturday, April 12th.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised she will let the Chief report on Public Safety. She advised that the New Jersey Department of Agriculture will be celebrating National Agriculture Day on Tuesday, March 25th 2014 to recognize the abundance provided agriculture and the importance of farmers to our nation. The Farmers Market will open on June 14th 2014. She is talking with a farmer who raises grapes and produces wine as a possible new vendor.

The Police Chief reported that Steve Rush is due back on April 3rd 2014. An information rack will be installed shortly in the lobby from Alcoholics Anonymous. This group spoke at a recent County Chiefs meeting and it seemed like worthwhile public information to offer. He provided a FEMA update. He commented on a race and issues related to it that have to be discussed with the County; the Click It or Ticket application and program; and attending a class next week in Ocean County regarding the placement of Narcam in the patrol cars (Narcam is used to stop drug overdoses; it is a nasal spray and the cost is \$120 per dose), ambulance squads do not carry this medication now, and he will explore further regarding the connection to/with EMTs.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala referred to the report from the superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW). Preparations are underway for the various sports organizations' activities. Bid specifications have been received for Mountain Way.

Mr. Hall provided details concerning the Mountain Way project and also mentioned various capital project bids that are due April 16th 2014. He recently met with the developers/contractors for Quick Chek and for Honeywell and discussed details of the upcoming work that will be occurring at both sites.

Mayor Druetzler asked Mr. Hall if he is working on plans for the Johnson Road pumping station, and if not, when was the last time that he worked on the plans.

He believes that the last time any significant work was done on these plans was in mid to late 2012. He does not believe any work was done on the plans in 2013. He stated he was instructed not to spend any more time on the plans.

Councilmember Mangravite asked who instructed him on this.

Mr. Hall replied he did not recall who instructed him on this matter.

Mayor Druetzler stated he would take responsibility for being the one who issued this instruction to Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall advised he will be meeting with Jim Harrington from Lennar this coming Monday for the Waterview project.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported on DPW work being performed at the various parks. She commented on the tree planting project. The Shade Tree Commission met today to discuss the Community Forestry Management Plan draft report with the forester. The County advised that April 1st 2014 is the goal for opening the turf at Central Park. Tickets are now on sale for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event at prices of \$6 in advance and \$9 at the door. She is still working to confirm the Little League Opening Day information.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported that at the Board of Health meeting the massage parlor ordinance was discussed. Changes are still being made; there are many details still to be worked out. The Teen Center is making a number of end-of-the-year purchases: an \$1,100 Bubble Hockey game, some foot scrapers and a new stove for the house. The Recycling Committee met for their bi-annual meeting. Ruth Mills is stepping down and a new appointee will be named. He has been visiting the various sewer pump stations; Central Avenue must still be done. Who oversees the repairs/upgrades at pump stations – does Mr. Hall have any involvement?

Mr. Hall advised he does not generally become involved unless he is requested to become involved. He stated he is currently unaware of any work being done at any pump stations.

Councilmember Mangravite stated he thought it would be a good idea if Mr. Hall was involved with the upgrade repairs. This involves work being done by Clearwater.

Mr. Hall advised that the licensed sewer operator for the Borough is Bill Ryden, not him. Mr. Ryden is a Professional Engineer, Vice President of the company, and has several municipal clients.

Councilmember Mangravite wondered if it would be a good idea to invite Mr. Ryden to attend several Council meetings a year to provide information concerning sewers. He believes there should be some “higher level” person overseeing matters relating to the sewers to ensure that everything meets the long-term plan(s).

Councilmember Cecala suggested ideas for the future relating to scheduling meetings with Mr. Ryden, with him, with a certain committee and/or with DPW representatives to discuss concerns prior to raising subjects at Council meetings.

Cross discussion about issues relating to the sewers and oversight of repairs/upgrades work being done, including that Clearwater started putting in a \$10,000 VFT; who authorized the installation of the VFT; continuing upgrade work since the pumping station is not being replaced; that DPW has been managing the pumping station(s) since 1970 and has experience regarding the operation; that Clearwater has its areas of expertise; and that the Mayor advised that Joey is overseeing all work and Benny if Joey is not there.

The Mayor indicated that if the DPW staff has questions during their work in this area, they contact Mr. Ryden. This practice has worked well for many years. He also provided information relating to spills, interruption in the electrical services, alarms not going off, and weather-related problems. Spills happen very rarely in the Borough.

Continued cross discussion about the groups and companies levels of expertise and experience in overseeing any problems, repairs or upgrades relating to the sewers and pump stations. Also included discussion of possibly purchasing certain software programs that could be purchased that would assist all those involved with keeping track of these kinds of matters.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan advised 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. 5-2014

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$400,090 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$465,000 BONDS OR NOTES FOR THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERSTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.

Councilmember Karr 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 March 20th 2014 and passed on First Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on April 3RD 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 McCluskey seconded the resolution. All in favor.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved the vouchers in the amount of \$2,423,291.75.

Seconded by Council President Coogan.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Councilmember Cecala moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk