

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: George J. Coogan  
Laurie J. Fu  
Jason C. Karr  
Frank Mangravite  
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Joseph Cecala, Jr.

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

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had any questions on the Consent Calendar.

No one had any questions on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Druetzler spoke briefly about the affordable housing site stating that Councilmember Coogan will be able to provide additional details and also visit the site. He advised that Chris Swanson, Eagle Scout, may attend the Regular Meeting tonight. Councilmember Fu commented on another Eagle Scout project that will soon be underway.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2014-55 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Councilmember Mangravite moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan.

Councilmember Coogan moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

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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 April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at 8:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

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

Council President 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**

Fire Prevention, February 2014  
Building Inspector, March 2014  
Animal Control, March 2014

**THAT** the regularly scheduled Conference Meeting to be held April 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:30 P.M. shall be a joint meeting with the Morris Plains Planning Board, for the purpose of reviewing a presentation by Mack-Cali and that the Clerk shall provide the proper notice.

**THAT** the time of the regularly scheduled Conference Meeting to be held June 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 be changed from 7:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of interviewing Police Department candidates and that the Clerk provide the proper notice.

*THAT* the Resolution No. 2014-56 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING PROCESS AND TESTING FOR APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER TO THE MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT," be adopted as attached.

*THAT* having received bids for the Mountain Way Road Improvements, that a contract be awarded to Stanziale Construction, LLC for their low responsible and responsive bid of \$301,524.00, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

*THAT* the Borough Council approve the Mayor's Proclamation declaring the month of April as "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" in the Borough of Morris Plains.

*THAT* Sheryl McNichol, be hired as part-time Recreation Coordinator, at an annual salary of \$6,000.00, pro rated, effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

*THAT* Michael Garavaglia, 21 Glenbrook Road, be appointed a member of the Recycling Committee, which term expires December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

*THAT* the Borough Council approve the Mayor's Proclamation declaring April 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, Arbor Day in the Borough of Morris Plains.

*THAT* the Mayor and Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to execute the NJDOT Recommendation of Award, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014.

*THAT* the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Johnson Road Sewage Pump Replacement Part, with bids to be received on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2014, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

*THAT* the Mayor and Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement between QuickChek and the Borough of Morris Plains.

*THAT* Tyler Urrutia be granted permission to paint a mural at the Morris Plains train underpass located at Speedwell Avenue/Littleton Road for his Eagle Scout Service Project during spring/summer 2014.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

**GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public.

Mr. Daniel Myers, Borough Historian, 14 Academy Road, Morris Plains, New Jersey, introduced members of the Morris Plains Museum. They are present at this meeting to discuss two topics. The first topic is to

encourage all members of the Borough Council to visit the Museum to view the display commemorating the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State of New Jersey. The second topic is the notes/journals he has been maintaining for many years and his hope to formalize these. Discussion has occurred relating to this project/information. This project took approximately three months of effort. The final product is a spiral-type notebook. This notebook represents an official timeline of the Borough. The hope is to eventually offer this notebook for sale to the public, believing that \$5 is a reasonable price for the notebook. This first copy of the notebook was presented to Mayor Druetzler.

Mayor Druetzler expressed his thanks for this gift. He also commented on the upcoming excavation of the time capsule, and that later this year the desire is to bury a second time capsule. This notebook must be included in the second capsule. He also spoke about photo sessions at a recent Eagle scout ceremony, thinking that some of them would be appropriate for enclosing in the second time capsule to be buried. He asked if the notebooks are available for sale yet.

Mr. Myers advised the notebooks can be made available for sale now.

Mayor Druetzler advised that a notice will be placed on the Borough's website announcing that the notebooks are available for sale.

Cross discussion of placing the announcement on the web site as well as publishing an article in *Plains Talk*. It also included other items and displays that can be seen at the Museum.

Mayor Druetzler thanked the Museum committee and Mr. Myers for all their efforts in providing a history of the Borough, and for the notebook, too.

Mr. Myers advised that volunteers are always welcome at the Museum.

Seeing no further persons desiring to speak, Mayor Druetzler closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

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

### **Finance**

Councilmember Karr commented on the status of the P card. He also commented on the web site and advised that if there are any photographs that could be posted on the web site, the web master would be pleased to include them. He updated on the plans for the 2014 9-11 memorial ceremony details, particularly enhancements to the lighting.

### **Public Safety**

Councilmember McCluskey advised that she went to the winery last weekend that she mentioned during an earlier Council meeting, and they will be a part of the Borough's Farmer's Market this summer. The Winery is Brook Hollow in Columbia, Warren County, New Jersey.

The Police Chief reported on police officers returning to work. He advised about a recent meeting relating to the FEMA refunds that are due to the Borough. It is approved, but an auditing process must be finalized before the funds will be released. The mitigation grant in connection with Sandy damage is still being worked on. A drug take-back is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> 2014. A notice is on the web site and an e-mail blast will be sent, too. He spoke about Narcon training. D.A.R.E. graduation is tentatively scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### **Public Works**

In the absence of Councilmember Cecala, there was no report.

### **Public Buildings & Grounds**

Councilmember Fu thanked the Department of Public Works for their work on the fields and the snack bars. There was a Shade Tree Commission meeting yesterday. She commented that bids for spring planting will be accepted until April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014. A total of 102 trees will be planted in the spring, 46 being at residences. Commissioners will mark curbs where trees will be planted. Letters will also be sent to residents about the plantings. The Community Forestry Management Plan is in final revisions. The Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Mountain Way School at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are on sale for the April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event and are selling well. Little League will hold its Opening Day event on the same day at 1:30 p.m. She also commented on the turf field at Central Park which opened last Saturday – the Junior Colonials Lacrosse was one of the first teams to play on this field. She provided updates for other sports organizations' activities and advised that Summer Camp and Enhancements registrations will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2014. Pool postcards will be mailed at the end of April.

Mayor Druetzler commented that he drove by the Central Park fields during evening when the field lights were on; it was quite impressive.

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

Councilmember Mangravite had no report.

### **Ordinance & Public Utilities**

Councilmember Coogan had no report, but reminded all that the Firemen's Breakfast is this coming Sunday.

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

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None.

### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2014**

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$490,000, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$465,000 BONDS  
OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS  
IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE  
UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS,  
IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.**

which ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The Clerk read the following notice:

The Bond Ordinance and Summary the terms of which are included herein was introduced and passed upon First Reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains in the County of Morris, New Jersey, on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014, will be further considered for final passage at the public hearing at a meeting of the

Governing Body to be held in the Municipal Building and scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at 8:30 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full Ordinance will be available at no cost for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Councilmember Coogan read the following notice and ordinance by title and stated that the Notice and Ordinance had been published as required by law that the ordinance had been posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and that copies had been made available to members of the general public.

Mayor Druetzler announced that the meeting is open for a public hearing on the ordinance and stated that any taxpayer of the Borough of Morris Plains and all parties and persons in interest and citizens may be heard. Seeing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the Public Hearing.

Thereupon Councilmember Coogan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLVED**, that the above ordinance as read by title on Second Reading, at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.

Mayor Druetzler ordered the Clerk to call the roll on the passage thereof and the vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Druetzler declared the ordinance adopted and finally passed, approved the same and ordered the Clerk to publish the proper notice thereof in the newspaper and to record the ordinance in the proper place.

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#### **RESOLUTIONS**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget**

Councilmember Karr moved a Resolution introducing the Introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Druetzler congratulated all those who participated in finalizing this budget. It is below the cap. There was a 1.85 percent increase. He commented on some of the bigger costs – snow removal, salt purchases, and litigation issues.

Councilmember Karr thanked everyone for the outstanding team effort in creating and finalizing this budget.

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

**VOUCHERS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

Councilmember Karr moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting.  
Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk