

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held October 16th 2014 at 7:33 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:

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 provided details concerning a medical emergency that had occurred earlier in the day at Candlewood Suites.

Mayor Druetzler asked whether Councilmember Mangravite preferred that the Contract Committee meet with Denville or if he would like to be there along with the Contract committee members.

Councilmember Mangravite replied he would prefer to also attend, but the Contract Committee members should be the ones to lead.

This meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Druetzler recommended that Councilmembers Karr and Mangravite meet following this meeting to review information relating to the meeting with Denville. The attendees at this meeting will be Councilmembers Mangravite, McCluskey, Karr and Kathy Marshall will participate in this meeting. He also advised that Dr. Colin O'Reilly will join the Board of Health, effective October 20, 2014 and that Jack Doherty will be leaving the Board of Health, effective January 1, 2015 and will be succeeded by Janice Ryan.

Councilmember Karr advised that the P-Cards have been received and that training will begin shortly. He also commented on bid documents and a conference call that was held with Moody's Investments; a report should be available by the end of next week.

Councilmember Coogan shared information about a telephone call he had with a representative from Donnelly Heating & Cooling, the State-authorized direct install contractor. This company did the work here and

at the Department of Public Works (DPW). This company and Sustainable New Jersey have partnered and the representative provided details on grants (up to \$50,000) that are available. Councilmember Coogan gave information about a work project in the Borough Hall (boiler in the “old boiler room”) that may qualify for upgrades through a grant available under this program. The Mayor and the Council members provided him with the authorization to contact Donnelly and schedule a meeting for them to visit the Borough and inspect the proposed project details.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2014-138 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted. This Executive Session will address legal, personnel, and contracts/agreements issues.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Councilmember McCluskey moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held October 16th 2014 at 8:36 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
Leon Hall, P.E.

GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Borough School Students – Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Druetzler stated that the Borough School Student Council officers are present at this meeting and commented on the importance of Red Ribbon Week efforts. He stated that the Student Council Officers are here to share their thoughts and information about Red Ribbon Week in the Borough.

The first speaker was Annalise Webber, Treasurer; she introduced her teacher Mrs. Drake. She provided details about the special themes each day will have (for example, “Pajama Day”, “Stand Up to Drugs”, and so on) during the Week (October 27 – October 31).

Christina Osmond, Secretary, introduced her mother and brother. She spoke about the Red Ribbon Pledge and read the pledge aloud.

Sophia DelGaudio, Vice President, introduced her mother. She advised of two educational programs that will be presented to educate about drugs and alcohol.

Kelly Phelan, Presidentl, introduced her parents. She provided additional information about activities to be held during Red Ribbon Week.

Ms. Melissa Gibson, Municipal Alliance Grant Coordinator and Treasurer, shared her thoughts about Red Ribbon Week and thanked all those whose efforts made Red Ribbon Week possible.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Ms. Gibson for all her work over the years.

Mrs. Drake commented on Red Ribbon Week, thanking all who were instrumental in creating this campaign for the Borough's students.

Mayor Druetzler read the Red Ribbon Week proclamation.

Photographs were taken at the end of this presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Coogan moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and Regular Meetings of October 2nd 2014 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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, September 2014
Animal Licensing, September 2014
Tax Collector, September 2014
Municipal Court, September 2014
Police Department, September 2014
Animal Control, September 2014
Tipping Fees, September
Treasurer, September 2014
Building Inspector, September 2014

Borough Attorney, quarterly
Borough Engineer, quarterly

THAT the Borough Council approve the Mayor's Proclamation declaring October 27th 2014 – October 31st 2014 in the Borough of Morris Plains in recognition of "***RED RIBBON WEEK***".

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-139 entitled, "BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MOUNTAIN WAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-140 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND RELATED ITEMS AT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST #3401," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-141 entitled, "SAJ II, L.L.C., A.B.C. LICENSE, STATE LICENSE NO. 1423-33-005-006," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-142 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR RADIO DISPATCHING SERVICES,” be adopted as attached.

THAT Randy Opitz be promoted to Master Senior Mechanic, granted the appropriate hourly increase, effective November 1, 2014.

THAT Sherwood Stevens be promoted to Master Senior Operator, granted the appropriate hourly increase, effective November 1, 2014.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the sidewalk improvements to Central Avenue (from Sunset Road to Homer Avenue) and Mayfair Road.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the road improvements to Trowbridge Road (from Sylvan Drive to Dogwood Road) and Watnong Drive (from Watnong Brook bridge to speed table just past Madison Avenue).

THAT John Claffey, Mayfair Road, be hired as a Substitute Crossing Guard for the Police Department at a daily rate of \$72.83, effective October 20th 2014.

THAT the residents of Dogwood Road be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, October 25th 2014, with a rain date of Sunday, October 26th 2014, from 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT Colin O’Reilly, MD, 6 Oregon Trail be appointed a member to the Board of Health, effective October 20th 2014.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Maintenance Bond No. 1000931238, to JP Morgan Chase Bank, per the Borough Engineer correspondence of October 1, 2014.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for Shade Tree Work, with bids to be received on Tuesday, November 25th 2014, up to 10:30 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for Computer Consulting Support and Maintenance Services, with bids to be received on Tuesday, November 25th 2014, up to 10:45 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

THAT the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the uniform rental and cleaning services with bids to be received Tuesday, November 25th 2014, up to 11:00 A.M.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of a two (2) year bid for Monthly Maintenance and Repair of Pumping Stations for the years 2015/2016, with bids to be received on Tuesday, November 25th 2014, up to 11:15 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember McCluskey requested a correction to the entry regarding computer consulting – it should say Tuesday, November 25th 2014, not Thursday.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr had no report.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised she had no Public Safety report. She advised that the Affordable Housing Committee will not be meeting in October. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11th 2014.

Police Chief Kohn provided his report. He updated the earlier information provided by Mayor Druetzler regarding the medical emergency that took place at Candlewood Suites.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala commented on the DPW Superintendent's report. Leaf pick-up began this week. Grass pick-up was extended to November 5th 2014. He provided information concerning a hole in the fencing at Simon's Park, how it may have happened, and how it will be fixed.

Councilmember Fu shared her thoughts on this situation.

Continuing, Councilmember Cecala provided an update on the deer cull. Additionally, he advised of a telephone call from the Division of Fish & Game who advised the Borough is in violation of the law – hunting is not allowed on Sundays in the State of New Jersey except on private property. Under State law, no hunting is permitted on Sundays on State, County, or municipal land unless it is designated as wildlife management property. His recommendation is that with the authorization of the Mayor and Council there will be no more hunting on Sundays at all – even though there currently is hunting on some private property in Morris Plains.

The Mayor and the Council provided the requested authorization.

Councilmember Cecala commented on dumping into waterways/sewer drains/storm drains and a situation at the M & M property several days ago. If anything like this occurs in the future, Hazmat needs to be contacted.

Mr. Hall reported on two completed contracts. He advised on a number of other projects, including, The American Road project.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reminded that the bonfire will be held on Saturday, October 25th 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Scavenger Hunt will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Halloween Parade and Party will take place on Friday, October 31st 2014, beginning at Roberts Garden at 4:00 p.m. Sustainable Jersey met last week and the necessary

paperwork will be submitted to maintain the Borough's certification. The next *Plains Talk* submission deadline date is tomorrow, October 17th 2014.

Public Health, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported on Teen Center activities. The Board of Health issued its annual report; copies are in the hallway. The Recycling Commission held its bi-annual meeting; he provided details. He also reported on a recent MUA recycling meeting, including potential new equipment covers. There will be a Senior Lunch & Learn on October 20th 2014.

Mayor Druetzler advised that copies of the Board of Health annual report will be sent to the two new Board members.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan updated on the generator installation that will begin on November 24th 2014; it will be an approximate two-week long project.

Mayor Druetzler reported on his tour of the new furnace recently installed in the Community Center.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTION

Councilmember Coogan moved that Resolution No. 2014 - 143, entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE" be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved that the vouchers for October 16th 2014 in the amount of \$2,678,866.18 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan.

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

Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Karr moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk