

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held November 13th 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 provided an update on the M & M matter, specifically a telephone conversation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). He stated he does not know whether there will be success, but there is forward movement.

Councilmember Cecala reported that Ryan Toyne resigned from the Department of Public Works (DPW) effective November 21st 2014. John Donofrio is being hired tonight as a full-time Laborer effective November 1st 2014. He provided information relating to the recent meeting concerning negotiations, including that election of Officers will be held to determine their officers and representation on the negotiating committee.

Councilmember Fu advised she will need to discuss the tree contract.

Councilmember Karr reported on personnel and payroll processing issues. He commented on a company named Paychex that will be able to provide a significant savings as well as provide additional human resources services that the Borough does not currently have. He recommended that the Borough move forward with Paychex. He also updated on the training for, use and distribution of the P-Cards.

Councilmember Mangravite reported on the recent Board of Health meeting stating that Dr. O'Reilly attended his first meeting and that he has taken a new position at the Children's Hospital in New Brunswick.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council President Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution 2014-144 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Councilmember Coogan moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite.

Councilmember Coogan moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held November 13th 2014 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor Druetzler requested a moment of silence in remembrance of “Joe Gag.”

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Absent: None

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

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Druetzler appointed members to Community Development for 2015

Rosemary A. Lopez, Representative
George Coogan, Representative Alternate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Coogan moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of October 16th 2014 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. 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, October 2014
Animal Licensing, October 2014
Sanitarian, October 2014
Police Department, October 2014
Animal Control, October 2014
Fire Prevention, October 2014
Building Inspector, October 2014

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-145 entitled, "RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPLICATION OF HARDING HOLDINGS, L.L.C., FOR WATER SEVICE OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OF THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUHORITY," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-146 entitled, "RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87, BUCKLE UP GRANT," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-147 entitled, "RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87, CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-148 entitled, "RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT," be adopted as attached.

THAT Laurie Cama, 12 Lindabury Lane, be appointed a member of the Municipal Alliance which term expires December 31st 2014.

THAT having received quotes for an environmental preliminary assessment of Block 28, Lot 2 from the following:

Environmental Investigations, LLC	\$2,800.00
Amali Engineering, LLC	\$3,550.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Environmental Investigations, LLC, Ledgewood, NJ.

THAT the resignation of Ryan Toye, Senior Truck Driver for the Department of Public Works be accepted, effective November 21, 2014.

THAT John Charron, 38 Watnong Drive, be hired as a Substitute Crossing Guard for the Police Department at a daily rate of \$72.83, effective October 20th 2014.

THAT Joan Edgan, 41 Berlin Road, Parsippany, be hired a part time Violations Clerk, in the Municipal Court at an hourly rate of \$16.65, effective October 22nd 2014.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute Change Order #1, Improvements to American Road, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated October 31st 2014.

THAT Jonathan J. Donofrio, 6 Oakwood Court, be hired Laborer in the Department of Public Works at an hourly rate of \$18.65, effective November 1st 2014.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Thomas Denman, 7 Allen Place, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Jay Horan, 9 Kathleen Place, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the \$5,000. Cash guarantee posted by Mr. DiFazio, Harley-Davidson Dealership, 1775 Route 10 East, per the Borough Engineer correspondence of October 31, 2014.

THAT the Borough School Athletic Department be granted permission to use Simons Park for Track & Field week day practices during the months of March through May 2015 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THAT Briana Stednick, 3 Leo Avenue, Stanhope, NJ be appointed a volunteer Student Intern in the offices of the Morris Plains Police Department, effective May 1st 2014.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to execute a home inspection contract with Ridge House Inspections, LLC, in the amount of \$895.00 for the inspection and radon testing of premise located at Block 28, Lot 2 in the form approved by the Borough Attorney which contract amount is less than the threshold amount requiring public bidding, or the solicitation of quotes.

THAT the Borough Council appoint Suzanne B. McCluskey, Representative to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for the 2015 program year.

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.

Mayor Druetzler extended congratulations to Jack Doherty for being elected a councilperson and welcomed him back.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr reported on the recent shredding event at the Library; it was the largest such day in the history of this event being held. He also advised on a recent Moody's review that resulted in a AA1 rating. This is the same rating as the previous one. The Bond sale(s) also were conducted and went very well; Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer Ana Thomas did a very good job.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised she had no report.

Police Chief Kohn presented his report, including that the background check has been completed on Mr. Charron.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala referred to Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Signorelli's report, highlighting some of the work currently being done. He also reported on the recent auction and resulted in a total of \$14,000 "plus change".

Mr. Hall provided an update regarding the Speedwell Avenue Improvements project. The American Road work project was completed on October 31st 2014. He also updated on one or two other projects.

Public Buildings & Grounds

The Eagle Scout, Ryan Wolfe, installed the benches and planters along the path at American Road. She also thanked the DPW for their assistance with this project.

Mayor Druetzler thanked her for coordinating this project. He visited the site of the project and believes it is a great project; he also spoke with Ryan Wolfe while he worked on the project.

Brief cross discussion on some additional ideas that possibly could be implemented at some future time near the location of the benches and planters, including the possible planting of trees.

Next, Councilmember Fu reported on the Halloween Parade, Party and the Bonfire. Both events were huge successes. She thanked all who helped with these events.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported on the first Teen Center event with all three grades and the new Teen Center Coordinator will be held this Friday at the Community Center. The trash pick-up contract will be going out for bid shortly. A covered recycle bin was dropped off at the Recycling Center by the County MUA; however, it was arranged to have it picked up soon afterward since it needs two people to operate it and because the Borough's Center is not manned full time.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan updated on the solicitation from Donnelly Engineering for work that might be able to be done in the Borough. After discussions it was determined that the work being considered would not be able to be done since the work locations would be at different locations/addresses.

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. 16-2014

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REVISION OF CHAPTER 29, ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" OF THE "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972" WITH A NEW ARTICLE 2 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE REGULATION OF VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN FORCLOSURE

Councilmember Cecala seconded the motion.

Mayor Druetzler explained that the State recently passed legislation that allows for this to be done. He hopes this will help the Borough in dealing with the banks.

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 November 13th 2014 and passed on First Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on December 4th 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 therefor, 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. 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 17-2014

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REVISION OF CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972" WITH A NEW ARTICLE 3 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE REGULATION OF LIVESTOK, CHICKENS AND POULTRY

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.

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

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Councilmember Karr seconded the resolution. Voice vote. All in favor, with the exception of Councilmember Fu. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2014

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REPEAL OF CERTAIN FEES SET FORTH IN THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-46, IN THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERY, 1972”

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.

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Nays: None
Absent: None
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Councilmember Karr seconded the resolution. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2014

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$565,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$537,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.

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

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Mayor Druetzler reminded that on Saturday, November 15th 2014, at 9:00 AM the official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at Harley-Davidson. He encouraged the Councilmembers to try to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

None

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved the vouchers for November in the amount of \$1,791,933.20 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk