

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held September 4th 2014 at 7:38 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 THE CLERK OF THIS BOROUGH BY PREPARING A NOTICE DATED JULY 18TH 2014 SPECIFYING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING; POSTING SUCH NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING; FORWARDIING THE NOTICE MORRIS COUNTY'S *DAILY RECORD* AND THE *MORRIS NEWS BEE*; AND FORWARDING, BY MAIL, THE SAID NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS ON THE REQUEST LIST; AND I HEREBY HAND A COPY OF SUCH NOTICE TO THE CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, 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

Councilmember Karr updated Mayor and Council on the status of the P-Card.

Mayor Druetzler raised the matter of prior discussions relating to cats and the existing ordinance about feeding cats. He anticipates the problem that prompted a letter to be sent to a resident is now resolved. He spoke with the resident about the situation. The resident advised she will contact Meredith.

Councilmember Mangravite thanked the Mayor for speaking with the resident.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2014-122 entitled, "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held September 4th 2014 at 8:32 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

Councilmember Coogan moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and Regular Meeting of August 21st 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

None

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-123 entitled, "CANCEL UNEXPENDED AND DEDICATED BALANCES OF GENERAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-124 entitled, “P.B.A. #298 MORRIS COUNTY CORRECTIONS RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 258-14,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2014-125 entitled, “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LIEN BLOCK 61, LOT 1,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution N. 2014-126 entitled, “BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute Change Order #2, Dayton Road, Granniss Avenue, Hillview Avenue, Community Park Parking Lot and Municipal Parking Lot #1, improvements, 2014.01 per the Borough Engineer’s correspondence dated August 22nd 2014.

THAT the resignation of Michelle Schulz, Community Center employee, be accepted, effective August 31st 2014.

THAT having received quotes for purchase and installation of fencing at Parking Lot #1 from the following:

GM Fence	\$4,820.00
Artistic Fence	\$4,866.00
York Fence	No Quote
Troy Fence	No Quote

THAT a purchase order be issued to GM Fence, East Hanover, NJ.

THAT Jeff Paul, be hired as a Class II Special Police Officer, at an hourly rate of \$19.91, effective August 1st 2014.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute the NJDOT Change Order Number -1, Mountain Way, per the Borough Engineer’s correspondence dated August 28th 2014.

THAT the Morris Plains Seniors trip to Cape Cod, MA being rescheduled from October 6th through October 9th 2014 to the new dates of October 13th through October 16th 2014; that permission be granted to park ten (10) vehicles at the Community Park while on the trip.

THAT the resignation of Anne (Peg) Dugan, Board of Health member, be accepted, effective September 30th 2014.

THAT the residents of Maple Avenue and Florin Lane be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 13th 2014, with a raindate of Saturday, September 20th 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 Thomas & Hilary Phillips, be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a Birthday Party to be held Saturday, September 20th 2014, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Community Park.

THAT having received bids for the purchase of a new hydraulic fed mounted drum style brush chipper with accessories, F.2014-1, that a contract be awarded to Northeastern Arborist Supply, Woodland Park, NJ, for their lowest responsible and responsive bid price in the amount of \$44,185.00 and that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary contract in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

Mayor Druetzler provided information about the first and second change orders contained in the text of the Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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 portion of the meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr provided P-Card and E-mail Alert information.

Mayor Druetzler commented on the scheduled dedication of the new playground at Central Park. It will be held at 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 6th 2014. Since the Jets made a significant monetary contribution to the creation of this playground, it will not be surprising if there are a number of Jets players at this event.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised that the Fire Department was awarded second place for marching in the Boonton Parade last weekend (Saturday, August 31st 2014). Several Fire Department members will be attending a national fire organization weekend in Maryland in October. The security wand has been ordered for use in connection with Court proceedings. It should be operational in time for the Court session on September 9th 2014.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that she and Chief Kohn visited the Academy to view recruits as they were doing the physical training which is very extensive and tough.

Chief Kohn reported on a meeting he recently attended with County and State Officials in connection with the Borough's project mitigation program.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala presented Superintendent Signorelli's DPW report. He reported on the "Do Not Block" intersection work.

Mayor Druetzler reported on an event he attended last night hosted by the Whippany Watershed. Messrs. Hank Sawoski and Andy Jensen both received awards at this event. He also provided information on a number of other miscellaneous matters around the Borough, mostly traffic related issues.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu advised that the Shade Tree Commission needed to postpone its meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd 2014. The Commission will meet next week. She also provided information relating to the Community Center, registration for the fall programs, and the Garage Sale Days to be held on October 4th and 5th 2014. Soccer Opening Day will be this Saturday, September 6th 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Simon's Park. She also reported on assigned times for use of the Central Park turf.

Councilmember Fu reported that plans for the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony are underway. The ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11th 2014, at the Memorial site.

Councilmember Fu referred to a flyer, an idea she had, relating to acquiring some items for the Borough's next time capsule. She commented that having photographs of the Borough as it looks today and holding a photo contest to acquire those photographs might be a good idea.

The Governing Body discussed the idea of the photographs, having them to place in the time capsule, and the contest, stating it was a good idea. The production of a videotape might be a good idea for the time capsule, too.

Public Health, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite updated on the Teen Center Kick-Off event that is scheduled for Friday, September 12th 2014, at the Community Center. They are beginning to organize interviews for the new Teen Center Coordinator.

He is also working with recycling vendors to improve their invoicing/payment process with the Borough. This is in connection with recycled electronics.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan advised that the Zoning Officer recently received two (2) noise complaints. One was from Canfield Place and the other from behind the old Monroe building. After investigating both, he determined the noise was from faulty air conditioning on the roofs of the buildings. The problems were addressed quickly and the equipment fixed. The Zoning Officer did a good job.

Councilmember Coogan reported that to date, that the Borough Community Garden has donated 1,006 pounds of produce to the Food Pantry. It is anticipated that perhaps 200 additional pounds of produce will be donated before the end of the Garden's season.

Councilmember Coogan reported on the dismantling of old boiler at the Community Center. The inside of the boiler is cast iron. All this metal will go to the Recycling Center and into the metal dumpsters. This will provide some additional funds.

Mayor Druetzler advised that on Tuesday, September 9th 2014, at 12:00 Noon, Honeywell has scheduled a test landing and take-off of their helicopter. He also commented on an organization that volunteers to assist with home improvements, municipal facilities, or churches/religious structures. He asked that if anyone has ideas about this to please let him know.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

None.

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. 15-2014

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF “CHAPTER 13, 2000 BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE” WITH THE AMENDMENT AND REVISION OF SECTION 13-3.1 ENTITLED “PLANNING BOARD” TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ALTERNATE MEMERS.

Councilmember Cecala seconded the motion.

Mayor Druetzler advised this ordinance is self explanatory.

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 September 4th 2014 and passed on First Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on October 2nd 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.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. Voice vote. All in favor.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Councilmember Coogan read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 2014

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$840,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$799,000 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 August 21st 2014.

The Clerk read the following notice:

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Morris Plains, in the County of Morris, New Jersey on August 21st 2014. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building in said Borough on September 4th 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 made available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office in said Municipal Building for the members of the general public who shall request same.

Councilmember Coogan read the following notice and ordinance by title and stated that the Notice and Ordinance has been published as required by law that the ordinance has 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. This ordinance is for paving of Watnong Drive and a portion of Trowbridge Road. It also is needed for the purchase of a dump truck and sidewalk projects in Mayfair Road and Central Avenue areas. 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.

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

RESOLUTIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

VOUCHERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Karr moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk