

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held January 22nd 2015, at 7:32 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 2015; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 7, 2015, 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: Jason C. Karr, Council President
Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Sal Cortese
Jack Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: None

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney
Leon Hall, PE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if there were any questions on the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions regarding the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Druetzler asked Councilmember Cortese to schedule an ordinance meeting with Ms. Fraser to be able to more fully understand this entire ordinance process. The Personnel Practices will be amended to eliminate life insurance as a benefit. There will also be a need to amend the sick time practices. He provided an explanation for why these amendments are necessary.

Brief cross discussion about the proposed life insurance amendment.

Public Safety has been discussing changing the requirements to become a police officer to include having a Bachelor's Degree; alternatively if an individual has military service and an Associate's Degree this would also allow for employment as a police officer. However, this remains under discussion.

Cross discussion about the recommendations under discussion about changing the Borough's requirements for employment as a police officer.

Councilwoman Fu advised of a request received for an Eagle Scout project, and that she will be working with the Scout organization representative. She also stated that she will keep a list of any projects taking place in the Borough, requesting that if anyone has a suggestion for a possible Eagle Scout project that he/she let her know.

Cross discussion about possible future Eagle Scout projects.

Councilmember Karr advised the Borough is now working with the new payroll company.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that Dara is out due to medical treatment side effects.

Councilmember Doherty stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Councilmember Cortese advised of an upcoming meeting on Saturday that he will be attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2015-27 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Councilmember Cortese moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held January 22nd 2105 at 8:42 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor Druetzler asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Don Underhill, a former Councilmember, a Planning Board member and a public servant in many ways in the Community of Caring.

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Absent: None

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney
Leon Hall, PE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of December 30th 2014 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting of January 7th 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 8th 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Karr 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, December 2014
Animal Licensing, December 2014
Police Department, December 2014
Sanitarian, December 2014
Tax Collector, December 2014
Treasurer, December 2014
Fire Prevention, December 2014
Tipping Fees, December 2014

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-28 entitled, "BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-29 entitled, "MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION BROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-30 entitled, "ROTARY DISTRICT #7470 FOUNDATION, INC., RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 263-15," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-31 entitled, "GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-32 entitled, "TRANSFER OF FUNDS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-33 entitled, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SALARIES, be adopted as attached.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Labor Agreement between the Borough of Morris Plains and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 469, for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute a Strategic Plan for funding Municipal Alliances, July 2015 – June 2016.

THAT Yvette Tosado, 2467 Route 10, Parsippany, be hired for the 2015 Spring Recreation Program, “Zumba” instructor at \$40.00 per session, effective March 9th 2015.

THAT Diane Trataglia, 93 Andrea Drive, Rockaway, be hired for the 2015 Spring Recreation Program, “Chair Yoga” instructor at \$40.00 per session, effective march 9th 2015.

THAT John “Jack” Cox, 15 Beaver Ridge Road, be appointed a Board of Adjustment, Alternate I, member which expires December 31, 2015.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the Amendment to the Agreement between Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc. and the Borough of Morris Plains for the period April 1st 2015 through March 31st 2016.

THAT the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the NJDOT Highway Occupancy Permit Application and NJDOT Maintenance Agreement for improvements to Speedwell Avenue from Dayton Road to East Hanover Avenue, Contract 2015.08, per the Borough Engineer’s correspondence of January 20, 2015.

THAT Ann Marie Emge, 151 Granniss Avenue, be appointed a member of the Teen Center which term expires December 31st 2015.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of \$23,800.00 cash performance guarantee and the \$250.00 soil disturbance cash bond to EJK Realty LLC, per the Borough Engineer’s correspondence dated January 21, 2015.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Thomas S. Ragucci, 5 Maple Avenue, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

THAT having received quotes for the transportation and disposal of recyclable materials from the following:

Advanced Recovery-New Jersey	Average \$150 a ton No pick up fee
Donjon Recycling	No Quote
Newtech Recycling	No Quote
Rockaway Recycling	Average \$155.05 a ton with average pick up fee \$50.00
Southard Salvage, Inc.	Average \$155.05 a ton with average pick up fee \$125.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Advanced Recovery-New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu
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 reported the Treasurer is close to being completed with the end-of-the-year close-out activities. Once fully complete, she will begin work on the 2015 budget.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported that the Public Safety Committee recently had a meeting with the Fire Department. The Fire Department will be purchasing fire hydrant markers (250 hydrants in the Borough). Donations will cover the cost of these markers. There was a tour of the firehouse, equipment and discussion of the new rescue equipment, including a software program providing detailed information about car models.

Chief Kohn reported on the status of the generator grant for the Community Center, Police Facebook page, website. Narcon is now in all police cars and all training on its use is completed.

Chief Kohn reported on his attendance at last night's Board of Health meeting in connection with massage parlor ordinance. The new police officers are doing very well.

Mayor Druetzler explained the prior split between the work performed by the Morris Minutemen and the Morris Plains Fire Department.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala referred to Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Signorelli's report, highlighting some of the work currently being done. He commented on the proposed list that was prepared for indoor work that can be done by the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff during the cold-weather months. The deer cull total has not changed.

Mr. Hall reported on the Speedwell improvement project starting at Dayton Road. He has also been in contact with the engineer (Omland Engineering) regarding the site plan for the Johnson Road development.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that the Shade Tree Commission held their Re-Organization Meeting last Wednesday. She also provided an update on the tree planting grant work and the Community Forestry Plan being approved.

Councilmember Fu reported that there is a problem getting the heat from the furnace to some of the Community Center rooms, and is currently being worked with much of the repair work being complete. She also commented on the proposed work projects for the DPW staff during the cold-weather months, stating that many of the projects are minor in nature.

Councilmember Fu reported that tonight there was a "Kids Helping Kids" mentor program. Several of the mentors have more than 100 hours of mentoring service with this program for special needs children. Their Talent Show will be on February 12th 2015. Recreation is partnering

with the Morris School District's "Great Expectations Program" (adult school). This is primarily to offer various trips for Borough residents.

Mayor Druetzler congratulated her on the approval of the forestry plan and also commended the Kids Helping Kids mentors, especially those with significant hours of service.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported on the Rabies Clinic; he thanked everyone for their assistance at the Clinic. He also reported on the activities of the Board of Health and the January 21st 2015 meeting to discuss the massage parlor ordinance.

Councilman Doherty reported that he attended his first Teen Center meeting and a Teen Center Board meeting and found it very interesting.

Councilman Doherty reported that he also met with the Recycling Coordinator Michael Laudati, at the Center on January 17th, and also met with Ana in connection with the quotes on scrap metal.

Councilman Doherty reported that he was unable to meet with Municipal Alliance, but has had correspondence with Melissa Gibson regarding the grant.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese reported that he attended his first Planning Board meeting and that Ralph Lopez was re-elected as the Chair.

Councilmember Cortese reported that he is doing a significant amount of research relating to a number of matters including the affordable housing plans. He will be meeting with Mr. Coogan to review activities he worked on while a Councilmember.

Councilmember Cortese reported that he will also schedule a meeting with Ms. Fraser and Mr. Hall.

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

Councilmember Cortese read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 1-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28, LOT 2 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS AND ALSO KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS 555 SPEEDWELL AVENUE, MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, PRESENTLY OWNED BY THE ELSIE A. BANGIOLA TRUST AND THE PAUL BANGIOLA TRUST.

which ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at a meeting held on January 8th 2015.

The Clerk read the following notice:

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey held on January 8th 2015, introduced and read by title and passed on First Reading, and that the said Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a regular meeting beginning at 8:30 P.M., on January 22nd 2015 at the Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey, in said Borough at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all parties in interest and citizens and all persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Councilmember Cortese 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. He also provided commentary stating this ordinance is for a purchase of real property that came on the market, and it was believed this was an appropriate time to make this purchase for the future.

Mayor Druetzler opened this portion of the meeting for questions or comments from the public. Seeing no one, he closed the public hearing.

Thereupon Councilmember Cortese 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 Karr seconded the motion.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, 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.

Councilmember Cortese read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2015

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY GRADES AND FIXING SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS AND FIXING THE SALARY OF THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

which ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at a meeting held on January 8th 2015.

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Councilmember Cecala seconded the motion.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu,
McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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RESOLUTIONS

Board of Adjustment Appointment

Councilmember Cortese moved:

THAT Resolution No. 2015-34 entitled, "APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER MARK KARR"

Seconded by councilmember McCluskey.

Mayor Druetzler explained that this Resolution moves Mr. Karr from Alternate 1 to a full-time position of the Board of Adjustment due to the untimely passing of former member Rosemary Lopez.

Yeas: Councilmembers Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Councilmember Karr

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved the vouchers for January 22nd 2015 in the amount of \$8,673,849.64 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2015-35 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese. So ordered.

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

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

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:25P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk