

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held February 5th 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had anything for discussion

Councilmember Karr stated that Budget Meetings will be held on March 6th 2015 and March 27th 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that the victim of an assault case has decided to drop the charges and the case was dismissed.

Councilmember Doherty stated that correspondence was received from Morris Township regarding excessive grease accumulations along The American Road pump station. He spoke with Superintendent Signorelli who in turn contacted Mr. Ryden. Mr. Signorelli will check manholes, but due to weather conditions it is not possible at this time. Councilmember Doherty will contact Mr. Perez, Borough Sanitarian tomorrow and request he check several possible suspect spots.

Councilmember Cortese reported on recent telephone conversations with Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L); he has a meeting scheduled with the Borough's JCP&L representative next week to review all emergency procedures (lights out, weather issues, and the like). He also reported on a recent course he participated in that was held at the Fire Academy.

Councilmember Cortese reported that he met with Zoning and Construction officials today to review ongoing projects in the Borough. The first and fourth floors of the Honeywell building are almost 85% complete and just about ready for sheet rock. Underground utilities are complete. Documentation will be submitted shortly for the renovation of the second and third floors. The next Planning Board meeting will be held in March; the February meeting was cancelled. He briefly commented on other applications and what is required of him.

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

Cross discussion relating to Harley Davidson, including an upcoming raffle and that tickets will begin to be sold in March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2015-36 entitled, “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Councilmember Cortese moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

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

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held February 5th 2015 at 8:34 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of January 22nd 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese. 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

Municipal Court, December 2014
Tax Collector, year end 2014
Animal Control, January 2015

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-37 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. A.2014, TREE

PLANTING, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF STREET TREES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-38 entitled, “UNCLE SAM’S AVENGERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC., RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 264-15,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the Affidavit of Low and Moderate Income Housing.

THAT the Memorial Day Parade Committee be granted permission to hold its 29th Annual Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23rd 2015.

THAT Bernadette Ross, 31 Hawthorne Avenue, be appointed a member of the Municipal Alliance which term expires December 31st 2015.

THAT the Borough Clerk be authorized to advertise for an auction of one (1) 2009 Mazda, Vin. #JM1BK32G891212425, minimum bid \$12,826.60, in possession of the Police Department, to be held Thursday, February 26th 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at Police Headquarters, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, N.J., vehicle may be viewed at Eagle Auto & Truck Services, 205 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, N.J.

Mayor Druetzler commented briefly on the item authorizing execution of the Affidavit of Low and Moderate Income Housing.

Sseconded 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 that the Budget Binders should be available by February 20th 2015 for pick-up. The Financial Statement was provided to the Auditor and should be submitted to the State shortly.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported that the Borough’s Fire Department assisted at a Morristown fire last week. She provided information about a possible Eagle Scout project suggested by the Fire Department at a recent meeting. The project consists of a GPS mapping of all the fire hydrant in the Borough that would ultimately be uploaded at the County level and become part of the County record. When Councilmember Fu presented possible projects to the Eagle Scouts, one of the Scouts selected this project; his name is Jacob Stellwaggon. He has a Borough

mailing address, but actually lives in Hanover Township. Mr. Coogan offered to assist on this project.

Councilmember McCluskey reported on the status of the affordable housing project including advising that proposals have gone to contractors; the company (Future Homes) constructing the modular units, which are completed; and another grant application for \$100,000.

Police Chief Kohn reported that their Facebook page and web site are operational. He commended department members whose personal efforts resulted in the Facebook page and web site. The department's two newest officers are almost finished with their Field Training Officer [FTO]. The new officers are "doing exceptionally well". He reported on in house work projects completed by the Department of Public Works staff. He had arranged for an officer to assist with the funeral service of Mr. Carl Lermann and received a thank-you note from his daughter. He commented briefly on his annual report.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala referred to Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Signorelli's report, highlighting work currently being done. He advised the Beautification Committee did not meet yesterday; they will meet on March 3rd 2015. There was no increase in the deer cull numbers, and February 14th 2015 is the last day for the 2014-2015 cull season.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that information on the Recreation Commission's spring programs was distributed to Council members. Zumba is returning by popular demand and the "Kids Helping Kids" Talent Show will be held on Thursday, February 12th 2015 at 6:00 P.M. A total of 883 total hours were volunteered to this program. On Friday, February 20th 2015 there will be a Family Bingo Night at the Community Center at 7:00 P.M. She provided dates for several other Recreation Commission events. She also advised that Mr. Sittmann was elected at the Chairman of the Recreation Commission and Mr. Bodnar was elected as Vice Chairman. The Shade Tree Commission's meeting scheduled for February 4th 2015 was cancelled. The DPW staff has been hard at work on indoor work projects. She believes the heat issue at the Community Center has been resolved. *Plains Talk* is being printed and will be mailed shortly. She also reported that the School District has adopted a new parent-created logo.

Cross discussion about the heat situation at the Community Center.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Councilmember Fu for helping an Eagle Scout with his final merit badge.

Councilmember Fu reported that Tyler's project was the underpass painting. The last element to qualify for his badge was to interview a Governing Body member on a Borough issue.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported on the first monthly report received from Animal Control Solutions. It is quite thorough. The Teen Center will cover recycling this week; last week it was the Fire Association. He thanked Councilmember Cecala for his help in arranging for help from the DPW staff with regard to icy conditions. He discussed the need for Dumpster covers and it appears to be a County responsibility.

Mayor Druetzler advised the County is trying to find a product that works well, and that a cover was tried at the Recycling Center, but no one thought it worked well.

Councilmember Doherty reported that his meeting with the Municipal Alliance was conducted via telephone conference; he will provide a summary report at the Council's next meeting. The D.A.R.E. program no longer exists, a replacement program LEADS (Law Enforcement Against Drugs in School) is anticipated to be active in several months.

Police Chief Kohn explained the D.A.R.E. program was cancelled due to legal issues with both the State and Federal programs. D.A.R.E-trained officers will be re-certified in the new program.

Cross discussion about issues relating to D.A.R.E. and the new program.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese had no report.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the public hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:56.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk