

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held June 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Mayor 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 JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 SPECIFYING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING; POSTING SUCH NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING; FORWARDING 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.*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS TO BE HELD THURSDAY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL, 531 SPEEDWELL AVENUE, MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler

Councilmembers: Jason C. Karr, Council President  
Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
Salvatore Cortese  
John 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 any questions on the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions from those present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2015-83 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Councilmember McCluskey left this meeting at 7:40 P.M. to attend a meeting relating to water fees for the affordable housing project.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held June 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 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 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 Karr, Council President  
Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
Sal Cortese  
John Doherty  
Laurie J. Fu  
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: None

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

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, May 2015  
Animal Licensing, May 2015  
Municipal Court, May 2015  
Tax Collector, May 2015  
Building Inspector, May 2015  
Tipping Fees, May 2015  
Treasurer, May 2015

**THAT** the Resolution No. 2015-84 entitled, "NOFITO LLC A.B.C. LICENSE, STATE LICENSE NO. 1423-33-004-003," be adopted as attached.

**THAT** the Resolution No. 2015-85 entitled, "RESOLUTION

REAGARDING PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN NICHOLAS J. GRAWEHR”, be adopted as attached.

*THAT* the Resolution No. 2015-86 entitled, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TAX ASSESSOR”, be adopted as attached.

*THAT* the Warner Lambert Retirees/Morris Plains Seniors, be granted permission to park eleven (11) cars at Simons Park for four (4) days beginning Monday, June 29, 2015 to Thursday July 2 2015; while on a trip to Finger Lakes, NY.

*THAT* having received quotes to Hydro-Rake Watnong Pond from the following:

Aquatic Technologies, Inc	No Quote
Aquatic Environment Consultants	No Quote
Princeton Hydro:	
<u>2015 Quote - Work would be done in Summer 2015</u>	
\$150.00 per hour for 45 hours	
\$225.00 equipment/transportation fee	
Total \$6,975.00	

With the option 2016 Quote - Work would be done in Summer 2016

\$150.00 per hour for 45 hours
\$225.00 equipment/transportation fee
Total \$6,975.00

*THAT* a purchase order be issued to Princeton Hydro, Ringoes, NJ in the amount of \$6,975.00.

*THAT* the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement between the Borough of Morris Plains and County of Morris for the Signal Upgrades at Route 202 & Malapardis Road & Route 202 and Kohls Drive.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION**

Council President opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public. Seeing no one, he closed this public portion of this meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Finance**

Councilmember Karr reported that all Borough Officials have filed their financial disclosures.

**Public Safety**

Councilmember McCluskey reported that the Fire Department is proceeding with the Hepatitis B shots. She updated on expected activity at the 260 Tabor Road site with a groundbreaking event possibly taking place in late June or early July. Work is anticipated to begin by the end of next week. The Building Inspector is completing his plan review and Morris County Soil Conservation District will be approving the necessary permit. The Water Authority did not vote tonight on the matter of waiving their fees in connection with the affordable housing project.

Chief Kohn presented his report advising that there has been no progress with the emergency generator at the Community Park; he is awaiting more information about this. He also commented on grants, one from the County (\$70,000) and one from the federal government (\$75,000).

When the County learned about the federal grant, they pulled theirs back stating that no one would get both grants even though they were told they would receive both. He provided information about his

attempts to discuss these matters with the right people. He will provide additional information to Mayor Druetzler so that he can make a few telephone calls. He believes the total cost of this project is roughly \$120,000, but the amount tends to keep changing due to delays.

Cross discussion about the generator, installation, and costs.

Chief Kohn updated Mayor and Council on the two new Borough police officers. The swearing in ceremony is scheduled for the Council's July 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting.

Brief cross discussion about a certain vehicle from Hanover that will be involved with Family Day and where can it be parked before a commitment is made.

#### Public Works

Councilmember Cecala reported on Superintendent Signorelli's Department of Public Works (DPW) report.

Councilmember Cecala reported the Community Garden will be celebrating their five year anniversary this year. They will continue collecting fruits and vegetables for the Food Pantry. Gardeners were quite pleased with the mulch provided, the soil and the sand maintenance.

Councilmember Cecala reported that there was a large clean-up done at Community Park near the flag pole area at the request of the Beautification Committee. He also reported on the recent installation of sprinklers.

#### **Public Buildings & Grounds**

Councilmember Fu reported that the Recreation Commission has more than 300 children enrolled in the Summer Camp program this year.

There are 120 at the Teen Camp with the balance being at the K-5 Camp. The camps start on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 and run through Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. The Pool was open last weekend and will be open again this coming weekend. Family Day will be on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 beginning at 5:00 P.M. with fireworks starting at 9:31 P.M. The Summer Concerts Series begins on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2015. The Splash Party will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 6:30 P.M. The Senior Picnic will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 1:00 P.M.

Councilmember Fu reported that there will be a partial planting of the trees on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015. This will be all the trees except for those to be planted at the Honeywell site. Tonight there was a One Day, One School meeting for the fall event. On Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 the 63<sup>rd</sup> Army Band will be performing at 7:00 P.M. at Roberts Garden. Morris Plains is one of seven stops on their summer tour. This will be a free concert.

#### **Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers**

Councilmember Doherty reported that the Teen Center finished up last Friday with more than 100 children participating, and everyone appeared to have a fun time, despite a "lemonade malfunction". The Alliance will hold their band concert on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2015, at Roberts Garden. The gates appear to be doing their job at the Recycling Center.

#### **Ordinance & Public Utilities**

Councilmember Cortese reported that at the recent Planning Board meeting Mack-Cali received their final approval for the 197-unit project to be built on Johnson Road. A number of concerns were expressed at this meeting by surrounding neighbors, but in the end there was agreement.

#### PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Seeing none, he closed this public portion of the meeting.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Councilmember Cortese introduced the following ordinance and read the same by title and moved that it be passed on First Reading.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 14-2015**

BOND ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$2.5 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2.375 MILLION IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

**Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Thereupon, Councilmember Cortese offered the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 and passed on First Reading.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that at a meeting to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 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.**

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VOUCHERS**

Councilmember Karr moved the approval of the vouchers for June 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the amount of \$3,773,018.17.

Seconded by Councilmembr Doherty.

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. 2015-87 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Fu. So ordered.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember McCluskey moved that Resolution No. 2015-88 entitled,

“RESOLUTION APPOINTING PETER V. ROLPH TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN THE MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilmember McCluskey moved that Resolution No. 2015-89 entitled,

“RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRUCE M. RAPP TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN THE MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilmember McCluskey moved the resolution

Councilmember McCluskey moved that Resolution No. 2015-90 entitled,

“RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY R. HOCHMAN TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN THE MORRIS PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Karr moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk