

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held September 3rd 2015, at 6:38 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 August 21, 2015 SPECIFYING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING; POSTING SUCH NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING; FORWARDING THE NOTICE TO 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 TIME OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd 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  
Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
John Doherty  
Laurie J. Fu  
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Councilmember Salvatore Cortese

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2015-110 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr:. So ordered.

All in favor.

Councilmember Karr:moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Councilmember McCluskey:moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:20 P.M.  
Seconded by Councilmember Doherty:.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held September 3<sup>rd</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 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: Jason Karr, Council President

Joseph Cecala, Jr.

Jack Doherty

Laurie J. Fu

Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Councilmember Salvatore Cortese

Present: Gail Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Karr moved:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Executive, Conference & Regular meetings of July 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Voice vote. All in favor.

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**

Animal Control, August 2015

*THAT* the residents of Winding Way be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

*THAT* the Borough Council approve excused absences for Kevin Rongo and Tom Silk to attend the N.J. State Firemen's Association annual convention in Wildwood on September 17 & 18, 2015 as per the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

*THAT* the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement with Mack-Cali Johnson Road, LLC relating to 250 Johnson Road, Morris Plains, N.J. in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

*THAT* Grace Maddaloni, 37 Headley Avenue, Morris Plains, be hired as Part-Time Office Clerk in the Boards and Building Department at the an hourly rate of \$17.00, effective September 9, 2015.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

### **GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public. Hearing none, he closed this meeting to the public.

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

#### **Finance**

Councilmember Karr reported on issues relating to the WebMaster. The Library will again be holding a shredding event on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. The donation is \$5.00.

#### **Public Safety**

Councilmember McCluskey reported that there will be a "Drug Take Back" event on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Stop & Shop. The Farmer's Market will host an arts & crafts show Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Police Chief Kohn said his only item was the Drug Take Back event.

Councilmember McCluskey asked Chief Kohn if signage could be posted about the Drug Take Back event during the week before.

Chief Kohn advised he believes that can be done.

#### **Public Works**

Councilmember Cecala reported that all should have a copy of the DPW's Superintendent's report. He also reported on the recently held deer cull meeting. He reported on last night's Beautification Committee meeting.

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

Councilmember Fu reported that a soccer event will be held on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015. It will begin at 10:00 A.M. Recreation will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. She also reported on a work project done at the Teen Center.

Councilmember Fu reported that the Shade Tree Commission meeting for Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum, but is re-scheduled for Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 prior to the Recreation Commission meeting

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

Councilmember Doherty provided additional details on the work project done at the Teen Center, a project that was exceptionally well done and turned out wonderfully.

Councilmember Doherty reported that the Municipal Alliance will meet on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 and the Teen Center will meet on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Councilmember Doherty reported the Board of Health will meet on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. He presented an update on communications with Ms. Falco and the clean-up of various sports fields. He hopes the e-waste problem will be solved within the next few weeks.

Cross discussion about the need to be vigilant about the cleanliness of the various fields, particularly those used for general soccer play and also comments about a new dumpster.

**Ordinance & Public Utilities**

In the absence of Councilmember Cortese, there was no report.

Mayor Druetzler advised the Planning Board did not meet and that the Board of Adjustment approved another cell phone company (Verizon) to share the tower located at the VFW site.

**PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.**

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Seeing none, Mayor Druetzler closed the meeting to the public.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**Ordinance No. 17-2015 . . . Mountain Way Improvements  
(For Discussion and Clarification Only)**

Ms. Fraser advised that the Notice published in the newspaper indicated the Public Hearing would be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2015. However, when the Motion was made at the August 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting, it indicated a Public Hearing date of September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015. She is announcing this change tonight to confirm that the Public Hearing on this Ordinance will be held on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VOUCHERS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman