

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held September 17th 2015, at 7:35 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 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
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 updated Councilmembers on the Minute Men situation; stating that there was a telephone conference on Monday. Those participating were himself, David Schulz, Tim Quinn, Mike Peeples from the County, Dan Caffrey, and Lou Vender from the Minute Men. The planned September 1st meeting was cancelled.

Mayor Druetzler explained the network of approximately ten (10) servicing organizations respond to calls as they are received. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th 2015 with the Morristown's mayor to discuss future plans. If no resolution is reached after this meeting, Mr. Schulz will send the Morristown mayor a "30-day letter" advising that the Minute Men will no longer serve as Morristown's Number 1 response organization. There is a list that designates the various servicing organizations as Number 1, Number 2, Number 3, and so on.

Continuing, Mayor Druetzler explained another component of this overall service: The Fire Department does handle some calls. However, in at least some municipalities, this poses a problem of other organizations then having to provide cover for either a rescue organization or a fire department.

Mayor Druetzler commented on his review of a recent Board of Health report. Specifically, he mentioned a proposal about checking immunization cards for children participating in Summer Camp programs. Since this information is checked in conjunction with the children attending the Borough schools, why would this be necessary?

Cross discussion concerning the issue of children's immunization histories, including that at this point in time it is more of an alert to the parents to ensure immunizations are up to date; that the regulations

relating to this may change in the future; issues that may occur for the Recreation employees who will have need to check this information when children are being registered, and other potential challenges relating to this proposed requirement. This discussion also included the question as to whether such a requirement is mandated for other recreational activities such as Little League.

Mayor Druetzler briefly commented on issues relating to the long-time practice of church potluck dinners and complaints he has heard from some Borough residents. He worries that some of the Board of Health's proposed and existing regulations may be somewhat onerous and complicated for what is being addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2015-111 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held September 17th 2015 at 8:35 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:

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Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler
Councilmembers: Jason Karr, Council President
Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Salvatore Cortese
Jack Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: None

Present: Gail Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney
Leon Hall, Borough Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and Regular Meetings of August 20th 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Voice vote. All in favor except Councilmember Cortese who abstained.

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:

Municipal Court, August 2015
Borough Clerk, August 2015
Animal Licensing, August 2015
Fire Prevention, August 2015
Sanitarian, August 2015
Police Department, August 2015

Treasurer, August 2015
Tax Collector, August 2015
Building Inspector, August 2015

THAT the Borough Council approve the Mayor's Proclamation declaring October 5th 2015 – October 9th 2015 in the Borough of Morris Plains in recognition of "RED RIBBON WEEK".

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-112 entitled, "ROTARY CLUB OF N.J. RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 271-15", be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-113 entitled, "MORRIS PLAINS WINE SHOPPE, INC., A.B.C. LICENSE NO. 1423-44-002-005", be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-114 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT", be adopted as attached.

THAT the Borough Engineer be authorized to prepare construction plans and specifications for Mountain Way improvements.

THAT the residents of Bryce Way and Janeway Place be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., with a ran date of Sunday, October 4, 2015, and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT having received quotes for the pickup of e-scrap at the Borough of Morris Plains Recycling Center from the following:

SIMS Recycling Solutions	No Quote
UpCycle, LLC	\$3,500.00
SAMR, Inc.	\$2,800.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to SAMR, Inc. in the amount of \$2,800.00.

THAT the resignation of Roy Stewart, Board of Adjustment member, be accepted effective September 16, 2015.

THAT John "Jack" Cox, 15 Beaver Ridge Road, be appointed a Board of Adjustment member which term expires December 31st 2018.

THAT Shaji Eapen, 66 Leamoor Drive be appointed a Board of Adjustment, Alternate I member which term expires December 31st 2016.

THAT Douglas McCabe, 23 Greenwood Road be appointed a Board of Adjustment, Alternate II member, which term expires December 31st 2015.

THAT the Program Instructors attached be hired for the Fall 2015 – Winter 2016 "Kids Helping Kids" programs at the position, rate and session date stated.

THAT the Borough Council authorized the release and return of the Performance Bonds No. 105675765 and No. 105675766 to JP Morgan Chase Bank, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 15, 2015.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the soil disturbance bond/escrow funds to EJK Realty per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 16, 2015.

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

THAT Swarsatie Prashad-Singh, 417 Welsh Place, Morris Plains, be hired as Part-Time Office Clerk in the Finance Department at an hourly rate of \$20.00 effective September 21, 2015.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

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. Hearing none, he closed this meeting to the public.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr reported on the Library's most recent shredding event.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported that since many of the Borough's firemen are attending the annual conference in Wildwood, the Borough is being covered by the Cedar Knolls and Whippany fire departments.

Police Chief Kohn reported on an incident at Community Park in connection with a fireplace(s). The perpetrators were apprehended, charged, and they will be working toward restitution.

Mayor Druetzler asked for an update regarding the switch for the traffic light.

Chief Kohn advised this is still being worked on.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala reported that all should have copies of Superintendent Signorelli's report. He stated that the deer cull began last Saturday, September 12th 2015. Six (6) deer were taken. He advised of the locations where five of the six deer were shot; he needs to check the location of the remaining one.

Mr. Leon Hall, Borough Engineer, reported that the building permits were issued today for the salt shed. There will be a pre-con meeting on

Tuesday morning, September 22nd 2015. He is also awaiting a worker's compensation policy number from the Borough Attorney.

Continuing, he advised of a telephone call from JC Contracting in connection with the streetlights that have not yet been installed along Speedwell Avenue. There is a delay and the lights probably will not be installed until near the end of October. The contractor is quite unhappy with the supplier, and they will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd 2015 to see if there is any way to lessen this delay.

The maintenance bond for Haskell Paving, a contractor from last year, will expire next week. He has spoken with them and they will be in the Borough next Tuesday and Wednesday to replace the necessary defective sidewalk. He mentioned another contractor that apparently has neglected to complete several punch list items, and because of this he is holding back on the final payment. Coppola is finished.

The Borough Attorney stated that a notice will be sent to Haskell Paving even though they are advising they will complete the work next week. The notice is basically to address the expiration of bond.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that both the Recreation Commission and the Shade Tree Commission met last Thursday, September 10th 2015. She also advised of specific events held as well as those that are upcoming. The Shade Tree Commission adopted a resolution and also agreed to request that the contractor Barbato hold back on a certain number of trees for planting in the spring.

Councilmember Fu reported that the 9-11 Memorial event went very well and thanked all those who assisted in making the day a meaningful remembrance. The One Day, One School project team will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd 2015.

Mayor Druetzler commented on the upcoming Garage Day Sales and asked if anyone would be able to volunteer to distribute the related materials at Hillview Avenue.

Several Councilmembers volunteered to help the Mayor with this

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported that the Board of Health met last. Wellness Day will be held on October 17th 2015 with registration being held on October 7th and October 10th 2015. He provided information about Municipal Alliance and Teen Center meeting(s) and event(s). Distribution will be on Saturday, October 3rd 2015 only.

Councilmember Doherty reported on a status update on recycling matters and Clean Communities.

Councilmember Doherty reported that Flu shots will be provided on October 17th 2015 as well as October 1st to October 31st 2015. The flu shots will be available at the urgent care facility, Speedwell Avenue.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese reported on several Borough Annex/Building Department issues.

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

Councilmember Cortese read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2015

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MOUNTAIN WAY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$310,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$134,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPORPRIATION

which ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at a meeting held on August 20th 2015.

The Clerk read the following notice:

The Bond Ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first Reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Morris Plains in the County of Morris, New Jersey, on August 20th 2015. 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 17th 2015 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 available at no cost during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

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 explained that this will be paving of Mountain Way from Glenbrook Road to Granniss Avenue and that there is a \$160,000 grant that will cover a portion of the costs involved. This work will not take place until the summer of 2016.

Mayor Druetzler asked if the price will be lower since the price of oil is low.

Mr. Hall stated that if it stays this way, the Borough should receive the benefit.

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone wished to address the Governing Body. Seeing no one, he closed this 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 Doherty seconded the motion.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu,
McCluskey
None: 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

Councilmember Karr moved the approval of the vouchers for September 17th 2015 in the amount of \$11,252,935.50 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McCluskey moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman