

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held October 1st 2015, at 7:35 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 SEPTEMBER 20, 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 NEWSBEE* 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.*

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 there were any questions in connection with the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions from those present.

Mayor Druetzler advised that a letter had been received about the Minute Men.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2015-115 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman, Acting Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held October 1st 2015 at 8:39 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 THE CLERK OF THIS BOROUGH BY PREPARING A NOTICE DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 SPECIFYING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF THIS MEETING; POSTING SUCH NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING; FOWARDING THE NOTICE TO MORRIS COUNTY'S *DAILY RECORD* AND THE *MORRIS NEWSBEE* 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.*

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.
Leon Hall, P.E.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of September 3rd 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor, except Councilmember Cortese who abstained since he was absent at this meeting

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 Engineer, Quarterly

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-116 entitled, "A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN ROBERT GUILD," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-117 entitled, "A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO SUNESYS, LLC TO INSTALL FIBER OPTIC CABLE IN CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-118 entitled, "FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2015-119 entitled, “RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 BUCKLE UP GRANT,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Borough Treasurer/CFO is authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids on October 27, 2015 up to 10:30 a.m. for the Cleaning and Maintenance of the Borough’s Municipal Buildings for a one-year contract term from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with the potential for two one-year contract extension periods for calendar years 2017 and 2018 based upon contract documents in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

THAT the Borough Clerk publish the proper notice of time change for the regularly-scheduled conference meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Morris Plains to be held Thursday, October 15, 2015, from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to interview Lieutenant candidates.

THAT the Borough Clerk publish the proper notice of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council to be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss legal and other matters that may come before the Borough Council.

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. Seeing no one, he closed this public portion of this meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr reported that 1.82 tons of shredding was produced at the last shredding day event at the Library. There will be a book sale at the Library on this coming Friday and Saturday. Work continues on the Cloud, and he explained some of the challenges that have occurred.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported on a recent award received from TransOptions relating to Smart Workplaces. She also reported on an Eagle Scout project to install bat houses in several of the Borough parks, providing background information on why this would be helpful to both bats and to people.

Cross discussion as to how to select the best locations for where these bat houses should be installed.

Police Chief Kohn reported that the Take Back the Drugs event was very successful, but he does not have the statistics yet. He gave update on the progress of the newest patrol officers’ training and the activities they will be involved in the near future. He also advised he is working with the County on preparations for the possible problems related to hurricane “Joaquin” over the upcoming weekend.

Mayor Druetzler asked if there is any update to the removal of certain wires.

Chief Kohn reported that he has requested that all the unused radio equipment and other related items be assessed and removed as appropriate.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala advised that all should have a copy of Superintendent Signorelli’s most recent Department of Public Works (DPW) report. He reported on the work preparation currently being performed for the months ahead. He provided updated information on the deer cull.

Mr. Hall stated he had nothing to present.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that the Garage Sales weekend is this upcoming weekend.

Brief cross discussion about “Plan B” in case there is heavy rain.

Councilmember Fu reported that the Recreation Commission’s Bonfire will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Central Park is requesting information for park usage in 2016; this must be provided to them by October 15, 2015. She updated on the work being done by the Pool Committee relating to Pool membership, needed repairs, and related issues.

Councilmember Fu reported that the Shade Tree Commission has placed its fall tree order, reducing the total number ordered by 20 trees. Some trees will be planted at the Affordable Housing site. The One Day, One School event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported on the plans for Wellness Day to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 with registrations being held on October 7 and October 10, 2015. He reported on the cat concerns.

Councilmember Cecala reported that there are bears in the vicinity, particularly in the Central Park area.

Councilmember Doherty reported on Municipal Alliance activities. The Teen Center held their kick-off event. He also reported that there will be one or more volunteer clean-up efforts.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese reported on the recent Borough outage which included an update on the process and procedures involved in dealing with this matter.

The Mayor and Councilmembers commented on their experiences with this outage.

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

None

ORDINANCES OF SECOND READING

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Best Practices 2015/2016

Councilmember Karr reported on Best Practices 2015/2016. He reported on the “No” and “Yes” responses.

VOUCHERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2015-120 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Voice vote. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman, Acting Clerk