

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough Council held October 28th 2015, at 7:38 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 THE CLERK OF THIS BOROUGH BY PREPARING A NOTICE DATED October 19th 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 GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS SHALL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 2015, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL, 531 SPEEDWELL AVENUE MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LEGAL MATTERS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler
Councilmembers: Jason C. Karr
Salvatore Cortese
John Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Joseph Cecala, Jr. (arrived at 7:48 p.m.)
Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

Present: Leon Hall, Borough Engineer

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Community Development Representatives

Mayor Druetzler appointed Mr. George J. Coogan to the position of Community Development Representative for the term of one year. He also appointed Mr. Stephen S. Welsh to the position of Community Development Alternate for the term of one year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of September 17th 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor, except Councilmember Cecala who was absent at this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of October 1st be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor, except Councilmember Cecala who was absent at this portion of the meeting.

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Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 13th be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor, except Councilmember Cecala who was absent at this portion of the 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:

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REPORTS

Borough Attorney, Quarterly

THAT Resolution 2015-132 entitled, "INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY INC. RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 272-15", be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution 2015-133 entitled, "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3495 BISHOP MC LAUGHLIN COUNCIL REFFLE LICENSE NO. 273-15", be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution 2015-134 entitled, "APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE AND WATNONG DRIVE PROJECT", be adopted as attached.

THAT the Borough Council appoint Suzanne B. McCluskey, Representative to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee for the 2016 program year.

THAT having polled the Borough Council on October 20th 2015 the residents of Dogwood Road have been granted permission to hold a block party on October 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Further permission to serve alcoholic beverages has been granted. The DPW will provide the necessary road barricades.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign the Cash Maintenance Guarantee Agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. in the amount of \$23,250.00

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Street Sweeping Performance Bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Waterview at Hanover, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated October 26, 2015.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,500.00 to JP Morgan Chase Bank, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated October 22, 2015.

THAT the Borough Engineer be authorized to prepare construction plans and technical specifications for a natural gas powered emergency generator for the Community Center subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney.

THAT the MOMS Club of Morris Plains be granted permission to host a community blood drive provided through the Community Blood Services blood mobile to be held on Thursday, November 12th

from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Morris Plains Community Center, contingent on the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance issued to the Borough.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Michael J. Renga, 7 Sherman Place, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Fire Department.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign the NJDOT road opening permit application #0-53-N-5582-2015 for the construction of a new sewer lateral at 260 Tabor Road, Morris Plains.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese.

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

GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

THAT Resolution No. 2015-135 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty. So ordered.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

None

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Capital

There was a discussion about the issues covered by this topic, the majority of which related to road and curb improvements

Bed and Breakfast Status

Councilmember Cortese reported on this issue advising he has spoken with representative(s) from Morris Township on this issue. A copy of an ordinance will be sent to him that addresses this matter. This is becoming a business and the State Department of Community Affairs has information on this subject as well.

Mayor Druetzler spoke about the need to develop an ordinance for the Borough on this issue and requested that a draft ordinance be prepared in time for the Council's first meeting in December. The Mayfair Road residents are quite anxious that this situation be addressed as soon as possible. He also referred to the League of Municipalities for information.

Minute Men

Mayor Druetzler updated on the Minute Men stating he has spoken with Mr. David Schulz. Mr. Schulz advised he is still awaiting certain information; a certain response.

Recreation

Councilmember Fu updated on matters related to the Recreation Commission, including 2016 budget issues such as the proposed 2016 Pool season Fee Schedule, the need for increased Pool membership in 2016, and requests received from the various sports organizations in the Borough.

Cross discussion about various new ideas and possible alternatives to what is currently being done.

Mayor Druetzler asked if the Commission plans to maintain the same price for the recreation program(s). There is no reason why there cannot be some organized activities for the children such as playing basketball in addition to being at the Pool. His thought is that offering such activities for children would lead to increased membership. He did not recommend reducing any fees since they are in line with other municipalities.

Councilmember McCluskey suggested water polo as a sport that might be introduced.

Cross discussion of other sports/activities that perhaps could be introduced, including volleyball, Pool/Splash parties, Friday Night movies, and related possible diversions. This discussion also included commenting on Pool activities and attendance in past years. Since more and more people have pools at their homes these days, new enticements appear to be needed in the future to ensure a growing membership at the Community Pool.

Mayor Druetzler stated that the 2016 Pool rates will be kept the same as for last year.

Cross discussion about attendance at some of the suggested Pool activities and whether one would need to be a member to attend and the possible attendance of guests. Would having a cost (like \$5.00) to attend such events be a reasonable idea?

Mayor Druetzler commented on the possibility of raising a certain fee from \$175.00 to \$195.00 or is this too much. Should it be \$185.00?

The Councilmembers were in agreement to an increase \$185.00.

Cross discussion about a certain fee amount after May 14 – should it be \$250.00?

Mayor Druetzler thought \$235.00 would be a good amount. Another recommendation was to make this fee \$245.00 (with \$10 of this amount going to the Pool).

Continued cross discussion about the pros and cons of this or that fee amount and other Pool related issues such as swim lessons.

Mayor Druetzler polled the Councilmembers on their thoughts relating to swim lessons and how this activity is best handled/coordinated in the future.

Councilmember Fu commented on the requests received from the lacrosse sports organization and their need for a “home base”. She provided specific details about lacrosse such as the percentage of participants from the Borough, number of participants from the Borough, out-of-Borough fields that they use, and other helpful data.

Cross discussion about lacrosse and its requests to the Recreation Commission. This discussion also included commentary about other

nearby municipalities and their level of involvement with their sports organizations. It also included comments relating to the availability of the County's Central Park fields and other municipalities' fields for various sports programs and other sports programs in general such as hockey and wrestling.

Councilmember Fu remarked on the time the Borough has requested for field use at Central Park. More time may be necessary.

Cross discussion about other municipalities' use of the Central Park fields and how much or how little they want/need to use these fields.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk