

December 29<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 7:30 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, council President  
Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
Laurie J. Fu  
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Absent: Councilmembers: Salvatore Cortese  
Jack Doherty

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had any information to share during this open session.

Councilmember Karr advised that radio work is still being done in connection with the Police Desk.

Mayor Druetzler asked Councilmember Cecala if the walk through to assess for inside work to be done during the winter months has taken place.

Councilmember Cecala replied it is scheduled for tomorrow morning. It will begin at the Community Center and then the remainder will be done.

Mayor Druetzler commented on the need for surplus equipment/items to be ready to be auctioned off when the next auction is held. He suggested that contact be made with the Fire Department to determine if they have any equipment/items that can be included in a future auction. He stated that the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff can locate a space where it can be stored until there is an auction.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2015-167 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Councilmember McCluskey moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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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 December 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 8:42 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

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Jack Doherty

Present: Gail Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Karr moved:

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the minutes of the Executive, Conference and Regular Meetings of December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor.

#### **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***

None

*THAT* Resolution No. 2015-168 entitled, "TRANSFER OF FUNDS," be adopted as attached.

*THAT* Resolution No. 2015-169 entitled, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SALARIES," be adopted as attached.

*THAT* Resolution No. 2015-170 entitled, "POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES," be adopted as attached.

*THAT* Resolution No. 2015-171 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO MAKE CERTAIN PAYMENTS," be adopted as attached.

*THAT* having received quotes for the transportation and disposal of leaves to the MCMUA Mt Olive Township Compost Facility from the following:

Griek Brothers	\$79.00/hour
Greg Toye	\$80.00/hour
Ken Russel	\$85.00/hour

*THAT* a purchase order be issued to Greik Brothers, 71 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ

*THAT* June Uhrin, Borough Clerk be granted permission to carry 70 hours of vacation from 2015 to 2016, which shall be used by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

*THAT* Rosanne Denman, Secretary be granted permission carry 28 hours of vacation from 2015 to 2016, which shall be used by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

*THAT* Dara Tanzola, Court Clerk be granted permission to carry 14 hours of vacation from 2015 to 2016, which shall be used by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

*THAT* Karen Coffey, Secretary be granted permission carry 21 hours of vacation from 2015 to 2016, which shall be used by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

*THAT* Ana Thomas, Treasurer be granted permission carry 14 hours of vacation from 2015 to 2016, which shall be used by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Mayor Druetzler advised that the leaves currently are at the back of the Recycling Center; there are not that many leaves. Whether it snows or not will to some degree determine how much assistance will be needed for transportation and disposal of leaves to the MCMUA Mt. Olive Township Compost Facility.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Fu, McCluskey  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilmembers Cortese, Doherty  
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 the meeting.

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

### **Finance**

Councilmember Karr had no report. He thanked all for their assistance and support throughout the year.

### **Public Safety**

Councilmember McCluskey also thanked all for their assistance and support throughout the year, specifically in connection with the assembly of the contract, promotions, and hirings – much was accomplished.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that 11 modular units were delivered and are stored in the J & J parking lot. More units will be delivered during this week. Work on putting them in place should begin during the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 through January 8<sup>th</sup> 2016; a crane will be on site to do this work

Chief Kohn presented no report.

### **Public Works**

Councilmember Cecala also thanked all for their assistance and support throughout the year. He referred to Mr. Signorelli 's report and advised that leaves are still being picked up so as to avoid any potential problems if it snows. The salt shed construction is progressing.

### **Public Buildings & Grounds**

Councilmember Fu also thanked all for their assistance and support throughout the year. She specifically congratulated the Shade Tree Commission for all its work regarding the grant tree plantings; one more is scheduled for the spring 2016.

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

In the absence of Councilmember Doherty there was no report.

### **Ordinance & Public Utilities**

In the absence of Councilmember Cortese there was no report.

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

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

Mayor Druetzler commented on the significant amount of work that was accomplished during 2015 and thanked each Councilmember for all their effort, support and time expended on behalf of these accomplishments.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

Councilmember McCluskey read by title the ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN  
ELECTRIC/COMMUNICATION UTILITY  
EASEMENT TO JERSEY CENTRAL POWER &  
LICGHT COMPANY AND VERIZON OF NEW  
JERSEY, INC. RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF BOROUGH PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK  
101, LOT 3.02, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 260 TABOR  
ROAD, MORRIS PLAINS**

which ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at a meeting held on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The Clerk read the following notice:

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey held on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015, introduced and read by title and passed on First Reading, and that the said Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a regular meeting beginning at 8:30 PM, on December 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey, in said Borough at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all parties in interest and citizens and all persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Councilmember McCluskey 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.

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone wished to address the Governing Body. Seeing no one, he closed the public hearing.

Thereupon Councilmember McCluskey 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 Karr seconded the motion.

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

### **Salaries and Longevity**

Ms. Fraser stated this Resolution relates to regular full-time and part-time employees and further relates to Ordinance No. 22-2015 which was adopted by the Governing Body on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Councilmember Karr:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2015-172 entitled “Salaries for Regular Full Time and Part Time Employees” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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

### **Salaries for Regular Full-Time and Part-Time Employees**

Ms. Fraser stated that whereas Ordinance No. 22-2015, an ordinance concerning salaries and longevity, has been adopted by the Governing Body on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Councilmember Karr:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Resolution No. 2015-173 entitled “Salaries for Regular Full Time and Part Time Employees” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **VOUCHERS**

Councilmember Karr moved that year-end vouchers for December 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the amount of \$306,850.93 approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

Mayor Druetzler wished all a very Healthy and Happy New Year and thanked everyone for all the work they did in 2015 on behalf of the people of Morris Plains. He reminded all of the Re-Organization Meeting, Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Karr moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June Uhrin, Borough Clerk