

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held May 5th 2016, 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 2016; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 7, 2016, 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: Suzanne McCluskey, Council President
Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Salvatore Cortese
John Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Jason C. Karr

Absent: None

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had any questions relating to the Consent Calendar.

There was a question concerning the LED lights on the Consent Calendar Are these for the Fire Department?

The Clerk responded that it is a Fire Department item. Cross discussion concerning these lights and how they will be used.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2016-58 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 Doherty.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held May 5th 2016 at 8:33 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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Mayor Frank J. Druetzler

Councilmembers: Suzanne McCluskey, Council President

Joseph Cecala, Jr.

Sal Cortese

Jack Doherty

Laurie J. Fu

Jason C. Karr

Absent: None

Present: Gail Fraser, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember McCluskey moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of April 21st 2016 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor.

Councilmember McCluskey moved:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember McCluskey 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, April 2016

THAT Resolution No. 2016-59 entitled, "RESOLUTION ENTITLED FIRST LIMO CAR SERVICE, LLC LIMOUSINE OWNER LICENSE NO. LO1-1985-2016" be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-60 entitled, “RESOLUTION ENTITLED FIRST LIMO CAR SERVICE, LLC LIMOUSINE OWNER LICENSE NO. LO2-7501-2016” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-61 entitled, “K OF C #3495 BISHOP MCLAUGHLIN COUNCIL RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 276-16,” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No.2016-62 entitled, “RESOLUTION ENTITLED FIRST LIMO CAR SERVICE, LLC LIMOUSINE DRIVER LICENSE NO. LD1-IA-2016” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-63 entitled, “RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPLICATIONS OF WAYNE NATUNEN, JR. FOR WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OF THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-64 entitled, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-65 entitled, “ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2015” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No 2016-66 entitled, “ANNUAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ” be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-67 entitled, “BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING CALENDAR YEAR 2016” be adopted as attached.

THAT Debra Traskan, 6 Valley Stream Drive, be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a picnic to be held Saturday, June 4th 2016 from 12:00 PM to Dusk at Community Park.

THAT Carl Laskiewicz, 80 Maple Avenue, be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a picnic to be held Saturday, August 13th 2016 from 10:30 AM to Dusk at Community Park.

THAT Valerie Saathoff, 1E Foxwood Drive, be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a Birthday Party to be held Saturday, June 11th 2016 from 10:00 AM to Dusk at Community Park.

THAT the Morris Plains Co-Op Play School be granted permission to use Community Park for preschool class picnics on June 8th 2016 through June 10th 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

THAT Saint Virgil Academy be granted permission to use Simons Park on Thursday, June 2nd 2016 for their Annual Field Day 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

THAT the Program Instructors attached be hired for the Recreation Summer Enhancement program at the position, rate and session date stated for the 2016 Summer programs.

THAT the Recreation Summer Camp Counselors attached be hired at the position, rate and date stated for the 2016 Summer Camp.

THAT having received quotes for the 2016 Family Day events and rides from the following:

Party Perfect Rentals, LLC	\$5,899.00
Circus Time Amusements & Entertainment	No Quote
Amazing Amusements & Entertainment	No Quote

THAT a purchase order be issued to Party Perfect Rentals, LLC, Farmingdale, NJ in the amount of \$5,899.00.

THAT having received quotes for four (4) FRC LED lights from the following:

Fire & Safety Services	\$5,100.00
Campbell Supply Company	\$5,260.40
Absolute Fire Protection Co., Inc.	\$6,592.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Fire and Safety Services, South Plainfield, NJ in the amount of \$5,100.00.

THAT the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Watnong Post 3401, be granted permission to distribute Little Red Buddy Poppies at various locations within the Borough of Morris Plains from May 1st through May 31st 2016.

THAT Beth Kapp, 24 Jaqui Avenue be granted permission to take pictures of MHS Prom attendees, at Roberts Garden on the evening of June 2nd 2016.

THAT the time of the regularly scheduled Conference Meeting to be held May 19th 2016 be changed from 7:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of interviewing Police Department candidates and that the Clerk provide the proper notice.

THAT having received bids from Garden State Fireworks and Pyro Engineering d/b/a Bay Fireworks for Fireworks Display Services, that a contract in the amount of \$20,100.00 be awarded to Garden State Fireworks based on their proposal for 2016 Fireworks Display Services with the potential for up to two one-year contract extensions for 2017 and 2018 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Yeas: Councilmembers McCluskey, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, Karr
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 the meeting.

Mayor Druetzler stated the Governing Body is pleased to have the Borough's Finance Officer Ana Thomas and Valerie Dolan who is the Borough's Auditor present at this meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr thanked the 10-12 volunteers who performed work at the 9-1-1 Memorial last Saturday pruning the rose bushes.

Councilmember Karr reported that the Borough received an award from the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a safety incentive program; the Borough's score was 100. The award was \$250.00 and a no-lost-time accident bonus of \$500.00 for a total of \$750.00.

Mayor Druetzler asked if the deal was finalized regarding the bench, Councilmember Karr stated he has not had an update on this.

Councilmember McCluskey added she is awaiting a response from an interested person.

Mayor Druetzler advised there is one bench left and an interested customer may have been identified.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported Glenbrook Road residents received letters regarding the decision of the Traffic Committee. They will be considering a four-way stop sign and a crosswalk at Keenan Place. Also discussed was a Girl Scout group proposal relating to a crosswalk safety incentive modeled on other programs in New Jersey and in other states. She distributed print material for Councilmembers to review. There will be a trial of this program at the crosswalk in front of Friendly's. She explained how it works with containers attached on signposts on both sides of the street and when a child wants to cross, the child takes a flag from the container and waves the flag as he/she is crossing. The flags cost \$5.00 each. Mr. Rotando spoke with various people in the towns using this incentive about issues in connection with the flags. The plan for the flags is that the children in the Borough make their own flags from fabric/other materials that the Borough purchases and make this effort a project. There will be a sign on signposts where the containers are. At the meeting there was also discussion about the Fire Department signal which is proceeding slowly, but quicker than in the past.

Cross discussion about how this proposal will actually work in real time.

Councilmember McCluskey reported on the status of the Affordable Housing, including that a \$7,500.00 grant which was received from the Provident Bank Foundation. The check will be officially presented on May 16th 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Davenport Village site and the informational meeting held on April 28th 2016 and the meeting to be held on May 11th 2016.

Chief Kohn reported on continued training of several police officers. There are five individuals who will be interviewed on May 19th 2016 for the opening in the Police Department. The drug take-back resulted in Morris Plains receiving 257 pounds; more than in recent years.

Chief Kohn reported that Det Sgt Bruce Rapp completed a basic public safety police traffic engineer course offered by Rutgers.

Chief reported that the re-accreditation inspectors were in the Borough on Sunday and Monday, May 1st and 2nd 2016. The Police Department did well and will be recommended for re-accreditation at the June Commission hearing.

Chief Kohn was asked if the Governing Body could review the curricula vitae (CVs) that are available.

He responded that he can make them available to the Governing Body on Monday, May 9th 2016.

Chief Kohn referred to “this big thing down here”. He offered to have those interested to come and see him and he will explain how the set-up will work. However, it was decided to do this right now at the meeting. It relates to vests that would be worn on specific occasions, not all the time.

Cross discussion about the vests and the various ways they will be used.

Mayor Druetzler asked the Chief about the proposed crosswalk at Keenan Place and Glenbrook Road and whether he had spoken to Mr. Hall about it.

He advised he will probably attempt to meet with Mr. Hall and the contractor together.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala stated that all Councilmembers should have a copy of Superintendent Signorelli’s report. He reported on work that the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff has been doing recently and some that is planned for the near future.

Councilmember Cecala reported on a recent meeting with the Beautification Committee. There were 12 Committee members at this meeting. This included discussion about mulch, peony trees for near the trellises, soil they will be acquiring, cleaning of the area around the bushes and hedges on Route 202 and the underpass, and a “training seminar” on Purchase Orders.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that the Recreation Commission met last week on April 27th 2016. Board members of the Little League attended this meeting to discuss what they were hearing about numbers “being down” for Little League participation. The Commission felt it was receiving conflicting about numbers being up and numbers being down. The numbers are up in both for the boys (Little League) and the girls (softball). Softball is experiencing a problem in being able to field a majors team, and she explained why (lack of players who could meet the criteria). Some parents apparently are upset by the lack of a softball majors team.

Councilmember Fu provided information about the Arbor Day celebration at Mountain Way School on Friday, April 29th 2016. She shared that when one of the children was asked what Arbor Day is, the student responded that “it is a holiday for trees”. Cerbo will be installing eleven (11) trees next week near the recycling center. A number of DPW staff members will be at the Community Center for the start-up of the generator and be given training in how to use it. Honeywell will be donating playground equipment; the equipment is three (3) years old and from the playground at their facility in Morris Township. She advised some of this equipment will be placed near the Pool and some will be kept in reserve to be installed in various Borough playgrounds as needed. She provided further information on other playground-type accessories that will be donated along with the playground equipment, including picnic tables and border tires.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported on several activities related to the Borough School and the Municipal Alliance (including a Father & Son event for fifth and sixth grade boys and their fathers that 64 participants attended). He also reported on a Senior Nutrition Program.

Councilmember Doherty reported on Board of Health issues and also referred to the Board's April animal control report.

Councilmember Doherty reported that Recycling passed a resolution relating to the new pick-up schedule to begin in July 2016. There will be a Teen Center meeting next week.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese presented his report, including brief updates on construction work in the Borough. He also spoke about a canopy that will be installed at Borough School as this project was described at the most recent Planning Board meeting.

Brief cross discussion about contracts that need to be signed and possible ways that the Resolution and contracts can be sent.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget

Mayor Druetzler opened a public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget is now open for comments from the public. Hearing no one, he closed the meeting to the public.

Councilmember Karr moved the adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget and read a certain statement concerning this adoption.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Ana, Valerie, the Finance Committee, and all members of the Governing Body for producing an excellent budget. He believes that due in part to good ratables, the tax rate may actually be lowered a bit.

Yeas: Councilmembers McCluskey, Cecala, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, Karr

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk