

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held August 18th 2016, at 7:36 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 B. McCluskey, Council President
John Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Jason C. Karr

Absent: Councilmember Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Councilmember Salvatore Cortese

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

Mayor Druetzler updated the status of Councilmember Cecala.

Mayor Druetzler asked who will attend the Lake Hopatcong/Morris County event. Councilmembers indicated whether they would be able to attend. Mayor Druetzler will attend along with Councilmembers McCluskey and Karr.

Brief cross discussion as to whether Councilmember Cortese will be able/should attend this event, too, especially since it involves his committee.

Mayor Druetzler next reminded of the Fire Association event on Saturday, August 27th 2016. Councilmember Fu will attend together with Councilmember Karr and perhaps Councilmember Cortese.

Mayor Druetzler next commented on a letter received concerning a Greystone request. He explained he has been attempting to reach Ms. Cindy Randazzo, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) liaison. He also advised of a memorandum received from her dated July 11th 2016 and read this document that pertained to engaging a new operator. The recently-received letter requests a meeting. A copy of the letter will be provided to Ms. Randazzo with the request that the meeting be scheduled for Borough Hall with the appropriate persons invited to attend for the purpose of providing an update. This is the current plan. Apparently the problem relates to an odor that seems to be coming from the Greystone property area. He will continue his attempts to contact Ms. Randazzo.

Councilmember Karr reported that RoseMarie will begin Clerk's introduction class in September.

Councilmember Karr reported that the new payroll company has all the necessary information and the first set of new payroll checks will be on September 15th 2016. There are updates being done to the computer system; for example, old, unused servers being removed and work relating to wiring.

Councilmember Karr advised that the Borough Clerk requested he advise Councilmembers that the Atlantic City packets will be distributed on or about September 1, 2016.

Councilmember Fu advised that the tree grant is “stalled”. She provided background information which was provided to her by the State. She will be resubmitting necessary paperwork. She continues to work on the issue of the missing payment from some time ago. The grant work is complete, but certain funds still must be reimbursed. She also updated on the problem of dead trees and the need for them to be replaced by Barbato Landscaping.

Councilmember McCluskey advised that Del Sano at Davenport Village was very impressed with work done by Cerbo that they actually hired them to provide the landscaping and other related work at Davenport Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution 2016-100 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held August 18th 2016 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

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Present on Roll Call:

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Councilmembers: Suzanne B. McCluskey, Council President
Jack Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Jason C. Karr

Absent: Councilmember Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Councilmember Sal Cortese

Present: Gail Fraser, Esq.
Leon Hall, PE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember McCluskey moved:

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

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor.

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

Sanitarian, June Addendum, July 2016
Animal Control, July 2016
Fire Department, July 2016
Police Department, July 2016
Borough Clerk, July 2016
Animal Licensing, July 2016
Building Inspector, July 2016
Tax Collector, July 2016

Treasurer, July 2016
Fire Prevention, July 2016

Borough Attorney - Quarterly
Borough Engineer – Quarterly

THAT Resolution No. 2016-101 entitled, “MORRIS PLAINS FIRE ASSOCIATION #1 RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 277-16”, be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-102 entitled, “SOMERSET HOME FOR TEMPORARILY DISPLACED CHILDREN INC. RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 278-16”, be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-103 entitled, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY”, be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-104 entitled, “REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT”, be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-105 entitled, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2016-2017 CONTROLLED DEER CULLING PROGRAM”, be adopted as attached.

THAT the Morris Plains Block Dance Committee in conjunction with the Borough of Morris Plains be granted permission to hold a Block Dance at the Speedwell Avenue extension on Saturday, September 3rd 2016, from 6:15 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., with a rain date of Sunday, September 4th 2016, and that permission be granted to serve alcoholic beverages and that barricades be provided.

THAT the Program Instructors attached be hired for the Recreation Fall 2016/Winter 2017 programs at the position, rate and session date stated.

THAT Michael Allatta, 8 Drake Way, Morris Plains, New Jersey is hereby designated as Acting Court Administrator for the period of August 1, 2016 through August 11, 2016 in the absence of Dara Tanzola and Acting Court Administrator Pat Fitchner. Mr. Allata will be paid by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County Municipal Court.

THAT the Borough Treasurer is authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Roof Replacement at the Municipal Building Contract 2016.20, with bids to be accepted on September 13, 2016 up to 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers.

THAT the Borough Council approve excused absences for Kevin Rongo, Tom Silk and James Koller to attend the NJ State Firemen’s Association annual convention in Wildwood on September 15 & 16, 2016 as per the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

THAT having received quotes for Painting the Municipal Building from the following:

CertaPro Painters	\$7,579.00
Enhance Painting Co.	\$7,950.00
Tom Burdette	No Quote

THAT a purchase order be issued to CertaPro Painters, 45 S. Park Place, Morristown NJ in the amount of \$7,579.00.

THAT the Morris Plains Fire Association be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at their Annual Family Picnic to be held Saturday, August 27th 2016, from 5:00 P.M. to 8 :00 P.M., at Community Park Pool & Park.

THAT the residents of Dogwood Road be granted permission to hold a block party on Saturday, September 17, 2016 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 residents of Glenbrook Road extension and Homer Ave be granted permission to hold a block party on Saturday, September 24th, 2016 from 3:00 P.M. to Midnight. Further permission to serve alcoholic beverages has been granted. The DPW will provide the necessary road barricades.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

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

GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

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

Mr. George Stafford, 16 Kitchell Avenue, Wharton, New Jersey, stated he is at this meeting representing the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and a large number of other environmental groups throughout New Jersey. The organizations are requesting that the Borough consider a resolution about a water planning document that was completed roughly eight years ago but has yet to be published. Currently, a water master plan with data from 1996 is being used. In 1996 there were approximately 8 million residents; now there are approximately 9 million. During the 20 years prior to 1996, New Jersey averaged roughly 45" of rain each year. Since that time, the State is averaging roughly 50" of rain per year. He spoke about drought risks, water mains that are breaking, the need to determine how much water people are using, and how much water is available for planning purposes. He stated he believes that needed data is being used by the DEP, but it is not published for others to use.

Mr. Stafford presented the proposed resolution and asked the Mayor and Council to consider it. He provided background information about this situation stating the report was completed at the end of the Corzine administration. The environmental groups need to know the updated data. The resolution requests the Governor's office and the DEP to publish the more up-to-date numbers to provide the groups with a clearer idea of what the situation is. They are simply asking that the report be released.

Mayor Druetzler advised that based on information he has seen is that people are tending to use less water per household and there may be less industries today that use significant amounts of water.

Mr. Stafford pointed out that today there is increased usage for high-rise developments and more water is being used for air conditioning and for high-pressure fire safety. Additionally, 9 million people are using more than 8 million people did.

Mayor Druetzler advised he and the Council will review the resolution and will further discuss it at its next meeting.

Mr. Stafford provided a copy of the resolution along with some additional information. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and consideration.

Seeing no one else wanting to address the Governing Body, Mayor Druetzler closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr reported on the safety meeting which was held July 28th 2016 attended by all department heads. Rosanne continues to explore the possibility of a new telephone system. Eight poll workers have been secured for the Special Election in September.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported on the new crosswalk at Keenan Place and Glenbrook Road.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that Governor Christie recently recognized Community Farmers Markets during National Farmers Market Week. She advised that since the Borough is in the Garden State, they issued a proclamation commemorating.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that the construction fence is down at Davenport Village and the trailer was removed. The construction supervisor has established an office in one of the apartments. The electric and water are connected. Applications are still being reviewed and interviews are being currently conducted. She provided additional updated information on the continued work being done. The hope is that there will be a Certificate of Occupancy issued in October with residents moving in early November.

Police Chief Kohn reported on issues relating to newly purchased software for scheduling. He has signed the close-outs for the winter storm in January 2016 and reimbursements should be received soon. The final site visit for the generator at the Community Center is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30th 2016 with the close-outs to follow shortly thereafter. The recruits are doing well.

Public Works

In the absence of Councilmember Cecala, there was no report.

Mr. Hall reported updates on the Speedwell Avenue lights. Capital improvements involving street sign installations and handicap striping at the Library were also updated. The Arbor Terrace project progress was updated. He also provided information about the Mack-Cali project. The extension of the cell tower at the VFW site is almost complete; he commented on the work that still remains to be done. Honeywell's two bocce courts are practically finished. He also mentioned several dead trees at this site. He updated the progress at the Investors Bank site. The gas main project continues within the Borough. Work resumed on Mountain Way.

Mayor Druetzler expressed concern as to how the school buses will access Mountain Way School once school re-opens next month.

Mr. Hall assured him that it will be taken care of. He has also spoken with other workers in an attempt to ensure all work is complete before school opens.

Cross discussion about the work remaining to be completed and any possible interference this will cause primarily to the school.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that everyone should have the Superintendent's report. She commented on #6 – Storm Clean-Up. Both Recreation and Shade Tree do not hold meetings in August. She commented on the summer theater presentation of *Fame*.

Councilmember Fu reported on the upcoming events such as the Block Dance, the 9/11 ceremony (to be held this year on September 12th 2016) Garage Sale Days, soccer opening day, and the Bonfire.

Councilmember Fu reported that there were some air conditioning issues at the Community Center, creating unanticipated repair expenses.

Councilmember Fu reported that The Community Band will be performing on Sunday, September 25th 2016 on the Green in Morristown. She also advised that Sustainable New Jersey will meeting on September 29th 2016 to discuss the recycling guide that is being compiled with grant funding. She requested that if anyone had information or issues that should be considered to let her know.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported on the weekly recyclables pickup stating there have been no problems at the Center.

Councilmember Doherty reported that the Municipal Alliance and Teen Center do not meet in July and August and the Board of Health does not meet in August. The Planning Board has no pending applications.

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 public hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

ORDINANCES OF SECOND READING

Councilmember McCluskey read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT FOR PERPETUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING USE OF THE PROPERTY AT 260 TABOR ROAD, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3.02, IN BLOCK 101 LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, WHICH WAS DEDICATED, CONVEYED AND ACCEPTED BY THE BOROUGH FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

which ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at a meeting held on July 21st 2016.

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 July 21st 2016, and 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 P.M., on August 18th 2016 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 had 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 McCluskey, Doherty, Fu, Karr
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmembers Cecala, Cortese
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

Councilmember McCluskey asked Fire Department Chief Rongo about a meeting that was held regarding mutual aid.

Chief Rongo reported that he had been unable to attend this meeting and will need to follow up on the details of this meeting.

In regard to the mutual aid agreement, Councilmember McCluskey commented that everyone who goes on a mutual aid call must have a certain level of qualification. Councilmember McCluskey stated that under this requirement junior fire fighters would not be able to go on mutual aid calls. She thanked Chief Rongo.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved the vouchers for August 18th 2016 in the amount of \$6,319, 422. 79 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Karr moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Recorded by Rosanne Denman