

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held September 1st 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 B. McCluskey, Council President
Salvatore Cortese
John Doherty
Laurie J. Fu
Jason C. Karr

Absent: Councilmember Joseph Cecala, Jr.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler commented on a number of issues, including the matter of possibly adopting a resolution relating to water supply. He stated that it appears the updated draft will be released by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for public review and comment. His opinion is that this eliminates the need for any re-drafting process.

Also, the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) has planned well for its four municipalities and it has a very good supply of water. The SMCMUA is selling water to Rockaway Township using Morris County MUA pipes. Mayor Druetzler also spoke about other water supply related matters, including the Highlands, a well into a mine in Mine Hill, and past NJDEP efforts in connection with water issues.

Mayor Druetzler reported on a telephone call from Kelly Gleason relating to contamination and a discussion with Joe Norton about the same subject. Mr. Norton does not see this situation as dangerous to anyone. Mr. Norton, Joann Voss and Mr. Larkin will be meeting soon. If the meeting occurs before the next Council meeting, he would like them to attend the next meeting to provide an update.

Councilmember McCluskey reported on issues relating to Davenport Village, including the paving and striping of the parking lot; the removal of the construction trailer; the completion of the landscaping; progress of the interior painting; installation of interior hall lighting; that many units are completed, cleaned and locked; appliances are installed; and a few other related matters. She advised that Councilmembers are welcome to take a tour.

Councilmember Karr asked if the elevators are working.

Councilmember McCluskey advised they are working, but must still be inspected therefore are not able to be used. Once passing inspection, the elevators will be able to be used.

Mayor Druetzler reported on the Greystone odors. He made contact with several Borough and County people about this problem. He has provided all with a copy of their plan to address this. The hope is that it will be taken care of by the end of September. He received a letter from Morris Township asking to schedule a meeting with Morris Plains to develop a joint plan. Guidance will be needed at this point due to ongoing litigation.

Cross discussion about the issues relating to the Greystone odor problem.

The decision was to ask Ms. Fraser and Mr. Hall to meet with Morris Township on this matter. Mayor Druetzler provided Ms. Fraser with certain paperwork.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2016-106 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty. So ordered.

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Councilmember McCluskey moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held September 1st 2016 at 8:34 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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Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler

Councilmembers: Suzanne B. McCluskey, Council President

Sal Cortese

Jack Doherty

Laurie J. Fu

Jason C. Karr

Absent: Councilmember Joseph Cecala, Jr.

Present: Gail Fraser, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

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

None

THAT Resolution No. 2016-107 entitled, "MORRIS COUNTY CORRECTIONS PBA 298 RAFFLE LICENSE NO 279-16", be adopted as attached.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-108 entitled, "MORRIS PLAINS FIRE ASSOCIATION #1 RAFFLE LICENSE NO 280-16", be adopted as attached

THAT Resolution No. 2016-109 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES" be adopted as attached.

THAT the residents of Coursen Way, Mountain Way, Tower Hill Road, Holiday Drive and Stony Brook Drive be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 1:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT the residents of Overlook Trail be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT the residents of Bryce Way and Janeway Place be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 3:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. with a rain date of Sunday, September 25, 2016 and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT the residents of Briarcliff Road be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. with a rain date of Sunday, September 18, 2016 and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT the residents of Park Way, Granniss Avenue and Mayfair Road be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. with a rain date of Sunday, September 25, 2016 and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT the residents of Maple Avenue and Florin Lane be granted permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. with a rain date of Sunday, September 18, 2016 and that permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted; and that the Road Department provide the necessary barricades.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the unpaid absence of Dara Tanzola, Court Administrator, September 12 to September 16, 2016, and October 6 to October 13, 2016.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the engineering inspection escrow in the amount of \$12,151.95 to U.S. Homes Corporation d/b/a/ Lennar, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated August 22, 2016.

THAT Retired Sgt. Mark Ewert, be hired for the testifying in the case of The Estate of Brody Hydock vs. Morristown Medical Center, et al. Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County Docket #MRS L-2067-14, at an hourly rate of \$55.31.

THAT having received quotes to Hydro-Rake Community Park Pond from the following:

Princeton Hydro	No Quote
Aquatic Environment Consultants	No Quote
Aquatic Technologies	
<u>2016 Quote - Work would be done in Fall 2016</u>	
\$150.00 per hour for 24 hours over 3 days	
\$225.00 equipment/transportation fee	
Total \$3,825.00	

THAT a purchase order be issued to Aquatic Technologies, P.O. Box 769, Branchville, NJ in the amount of \$3,825.00.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Yeas: Councilmembers McCluskey, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, Karr
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. Seeing no one, he closed this public portion of this meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr reported on the 9/11 bench; that it should be ready for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Councilmember Karr reported on the ongoing computer updates. Rosanne is working with Mr. Coogan on the telephone system and dedicated lines. This is necessary prior to switching over to the new telephone system.

Councilmember Karr reported that more than 300 people attended the Library's petting zoo yesterday and over 240 pounds of food were donated to the food pantry.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported that Lt. Koroski is scheduling a meeting of this year's deer hunters. Bow season begins on Saturday, September 10th 2016.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that The Farmers' Market will host an arts and crafts show on Saturday, September 10th 2016.

Chief Kohn reported on the monitoring of a possible hurricane. Everything went well in connection with the Community Center generator. He was advised that once the closing paperwork is submitted to the State, reimbursement should be received within approximately 60 days. He explained what the closing paperwork consisted of.

Chief Kohn reported on the training status of the new police recruits. He advised that certain signage received from AAA will be installed on Monday, weather permitting. Any road construction taking place near a school will be limited to 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Public Works

In the absence of Councilmember Cecala, Mayor Druetzler commented on lights recently installed. Everything appears to be proceeding smoothly.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu reported that the Shade Tree Commission will meet next Wednesday, September 7th 2016 and the Recreation Commission meeting date has changed from September 22nd 2016 to September 29th 2016.

Councilmember Fu reported that the 9/11 Remembrance Service will be held on Monday, September 12th 2016, at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Druetzler advised that the County has invited residents to attend their 9/11 service on Sunday, September 11th 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reported that the activity at the Teen Center is quite low right now as is activity for the Municipal Alliance and the Board of Health. He reminded of Wellness Day on Saturday, October 15th 2016. There are no problems relating to recycling. He is reviewing data in relation to the animal control contract.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Councilmember Cortese for the Girl with water can statue which he installed at the Municipal Building.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese reported that flowers will be planted and solar lights will be installed that will be hidden by the flowers. He is hoping the remaining work will be done over this weekend. He provided some additional information about this project.

Councilmember Cortese reported that one light is still missing from American Road; it should be received very soon. He commented on JCP&L's response plans for the possible hurricane. He is very impressed with the work being done in the Borough by Ferrara – very neat and every promise has been kept. He has not received any complaints from residents at this point in time.

Councilmember McCluskey advised that the Borough is signed up for the County League of Municipalities meeting.

Councilmember Karr advised that the Library will hold a shredding event on Saturday, September 24th 2016.

Councilmember Cortese thanked the Mayor for ensuring that certain work was done prior to the school(s) opening date.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

VOUCHERS

None

Councilmember Cortese commented on young people bringing their bicycles onto the turf. He raised the possibility that perhaps larger-lettered and/or larger signage is needed to solve this issue.

Plans for the Soccer Opening Day were briefly discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2016-110 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 McCluskey.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk