

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held October 6th 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

Mayor Druetzler provided an update on Councilmember Cecala's health status.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if there were any questions about the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Fu advised about the new temporary instructor (Mary Beth Phelan) for the Senior Exercise classes.

Councilmember Karr stated that Ms. Garretson will be leaving her position as Library Director at the end of this month. He added the Library Board currently is looking for new members as well as a new Director. He thanked her for her ten years in this position. She will remain on the Roberts Garden Committee.

Councilmember McCluskey advised that Adam Klymko will provide CPR training to the Department of Public Works staff on Friday, October 7th 2016. This training will take place at the Community Center.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that two police officers received superficial bites from two different dogs.

Brief cross discussion about the flowers/landscaping at the Borough Hall.

Mayor Druetzler provided an update on work being done by Public Service within the Borough.

Cross discussion about the Public Service work being done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember McCluskey:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution 2016-117, entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese. So ordered.

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Karr moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Fu.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held October 6th 2016 at 8:30 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.

Mayor Druetzler provided a health update on Councilmember Cecala following his kidney transplant several months ago.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember McCluskey moved

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that minutes of the Executive, Conference and Regular Meetings of September 1st 2016 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor.

Councilmember McCluskey moved

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that minutes of the Executive, Conference and Regular Meetings of September 15th 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

Borough Attorney - Quarterly
Borough Engineer – Quarterly

THAT Resolution No. 2016-118 entitled, “K OF C #3495 BISHOP MCLAUGHLIN COUNCIL RAFFLE LICENSE NO 281-16”, be adopted as attached

THAT Resolution No. 2016-119 entitled, “AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021”, be adopted as attached

THAT Resolution No. 2016-120 entitled, “TAX APPEAL NOTIFICATION POLICY”, be adopted as attached

THAT the Program Instructors attached be hired for the Recreation program “Kids Helping Kids” at the position, rate and session date stated for the 2016 Fall/Winter program.

THAT Mary Beth Phelan, 53 Skyline Drive, Morristown, be hired for the 2016 Fall 2017 Winter Recreation Program, “Senior Exercise (VFW) Instructor” instructor at \$40.00 per session, effective September 29th 2016.

THAT Patricia Fichtner be authorized to work in the Violations Office October 6th through October 13th 2016, in the absence of the Court Administrator, not to exceed nine (9) hours.

THAT having received quotes for the purchase and installation of a Telephone Communication System from the following:

Quality Communications	\$17,460.00
Extel Communications	\$22,108.00
Hunter Technologies	NO QUOTE

THAT a purchase order be issued to Quality Communications, 611 Route 46 West, Hasbrouck Heights NJ.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Timothy Manning, 24 W. Hanover Ave, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

THAT having received quotes for repairing seams at the Community Pool from the following:

A & L Pool Division	\$12,500.00
Luigi Opipari Landscaping & Masonry, LLC	\$11,000.00
Galaxy Restorators dba Courtet Restorators	\$ 6,000.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Galaxy Restorators, 76 Quaker Church Road, Randolph, NJ in the amount of \$6,000.00.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Zee Construction per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 23, 2016.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Zee Construction, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 23, 2016.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the review/inspection fee in the amount of \$178.00 to Raj Jetley (Zee Construction), per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 23, 2016.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Maintenance Surety Bond No. 72BSBGE6615-M to Lennar in the amount of \$18,939.00 per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 30, 2016.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of the Performance Cash Bond to Lennar in the amount of \$9,339.15 per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated September 28, 2016.

THAT having received quotes for repairing the Community Park tennis courts from the following:

NJPS Court Builders	\$10,000.00
Universal Court Contractors	\$ 8,500.00
Halecon	NO QUOTE

THAT a purchase order be issued to Universal Court Contractors, 2089 Milford-Warren Glen Road, Bloomsbury, NJ in the amount of \$8,500.00.

THAT the resignation of Joey Barlotta, Teen Center Supervisor, be accepted, effective September 30, 2016.

THAT Resolution No. 2016-121 entitled, "STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM," be adopted as attached

Seconded by Councilmember Doherty.

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 the meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr reported on the Treasurer's efforts on Best Practices. The school elections went smoothly and he thanked all who assisted.

Councilmember Karr reported that the Library's most recent shredding event was again a very successful one, collecting roughly 7,000 pounds of shredding. The next such event is scheduled for April 22nd 2017.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported on the recent meeting of the Roberts Garden Committee. A decision was reached to remove several aging Yew bushes. Daffodil bulbs will be planted in this area in early spring.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that last week Mayor Druetzler and the Borough Council were honored by TransOptions at their Recognition Breakfast – the Mayor received an award as the Outstanding Elected Official and the Borough was recognized as a Smart Work Place with a silver level award.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that The Farmers Market will end this week. Boy Scout Michael Swanson currently is installing the bat houses (his Eagle project). One is at Community Park (near the woods behind Fields 3 and 4), there are two at Watnong Park, there will be one at the Community Garden, and there will be second one at Community Park between the Pool and the pond.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that several "No Turn on Red" signs will be installed around the Borough. The signage is in place for the Girl Scout project that involves taking a flag on one side, waving it while crossing the street, and then leaving it at the other side.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that on Friday, November 4th 2016, the ribbon cutting will be held at Davenport Village at 11:00 A.M. Following the ribbon cutting there will be a lunch at the Community Center at 12:00 Noon; invitations will be sent soon to all Governing Body members. Last week she and the Mayor met with representatives of Arbor Terrace at Morris Plains; there will be an event to preview their facility and services – invitations to all Governing Body members will also be sent for this event which will be held on Tuesday, October 25th 2016, at 6:30 P.M. at Tiff's.

Police Chief Kohn reported that a Drug Take-Back event is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd 2016 at Stop & Shop, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. He mentioned a deer cull report. He commented on the generator reimbursement – it is almost ready – the application has been certified by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He provided additional details about this matter.

Police Chief Kohn reported that the recruits are doing very well. The Police Department has joined up with CarFax; he explained how working with this service will be done.

Councilmember McCluskey stated she expected a report from the Fire Chief and the Fire Inspector, but unfortunately they are not at the meeting. The Fire Department will begin a new policy for when *walk throughs* are done – there will be a dress code. A request was made that the Police Department, the Fire Department (not just the chiefs), the first

aid squad, and the DPW staff have an opportunity to do their own *walk throughs* at Davenport Village before it is occupied.

Public Works

In the absence of Councilmember Cecala there was no report.

Mayor Druetzler read the deer cull report.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu referred to the Superintendent's report remarking that it is evidence of the amount of work the DPW staff has been doing recently.

Brief cross discussion about an upcoming roofing project.

Councilmember Fu reported on the work planned for the tennis court(s) and the Pool. The Recreation Commission met last week. The Garage Sales went very well. Thanks were given to the Mayor and Councilmember Doherty for their assistance. The Bonfire is on Saturday, October 22nd 2016. The Halloween Parade and Party will be on Monday, October 31st 2016.

Councilmember Fu reported that the Recreation Commission has established a committee to identify a replacement for Tina Cecala as the Swim Team Instructor. Tina will be involved with this process and she has been asked to prepare a job description for this position. There was a meeting with the Pool Managers to discuss the 2016 Pool season and to begin preparation for the 2017 Pool season. She reported on communication received regarding Central Park turf use – the calendar from previous years will remain in place.

Councilmember Fu reported that changes will be required because of the renovation work that will be done at Borough School next summer; this work will affect Camp program(s) use of the school, particularly the theater program. Work is being done to reach a decision on how to adjust to this situation.

Mayor Druetzler suggested that theater practice could possibly be done at Mountain Way School. Others thought St. Virgil might be able to help.

Councilmember Fu stated that the *Plains Talk* deadline is Monday, October 17th 2016. Another Boy Scout who is working on an Eagle project visited last Saturday to complete his Borough bench assessment; she has not had any results on this project yet, but a spreadsheet is being worked on by the Scout. She updated on Community Band plans.

Mayor Druetzler commented on painting of downtown windows – a record number of windows – a total of 75.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Doherty reminded Mayor Druetzler of the need for his Proclamation for Drug Awareness Week. It will be on Monday, October 24th 2016, at 8:00 A.M. There will be a speaker on Thursday, October 27th 2016 to address Grades 3 through 5 and Grades 6 through 8. The rights to do *Lion King* were obtained. Sixty-five Seniors attended the recent breakfast and the scamming program presented by the Police Department was well received. He requested the date when the Student Council will attend a Council meeting.

Brief cross discussion that the next meeting on October 20th 2016 would be the meeting they would typical attend based on the past.

Councilmember Doherty reminded that Wellness Day will be on Saturday, October 15th 2016. He advised of the availability of flu shots. He stated that several Rotary Club members will volunteer at the Wellness Day and that if anyone would also like to help, that would be appreciated. He commented briefly on the animal control contract. The Teen Center met recently and the kick-off went very well with good attendance and also a good number of chaperones.

Mayor Druetzler asked about plans to replace Joey Barlotta.

Councilmember Doherty stated he will be replaced and advertising will be done shortly for this position. Recycling is continuing quite well.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Cortese reported on the various work projects being done within the Borough. He provided an update regarding the Mack-Cali development project.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

SMCMUA Discussion

Mayor Druetzler stated that this is a discussion that is held annually. He believes the SMCMUA performs very good work for the municipalities it serves. He provided some specific information he thought might be of interest; for example, that they have no debt other than an annual payment of \$30,000 to the Town of Morristown; he believes this is a 50-year obligation. This is an amazing feat. He advised that the SMCMUA continues to address certain leakage issues despite the fact that many pipes have been replaced.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

Councilmember Cortese commented on sewer cost issues.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Councilmember Cortese read by title the ordinance entitled:

**Ordinance No. 12-2016
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-2015
CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN**

which ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at a meeting held on September 15th 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 September 15th 2016, 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 October 6th 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 Cortese 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 Cortese 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, Cortese, Doherty, Fu, Karr
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Cecala
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

Appointing John Signorelli Acting DPW Foreman

Councilmember Karr moved that Resolution No. 2016-122 entitled,

“RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN SIGNORELLI AS ACTING FORMAN TO THE MORRIS PLAINS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,” be adopted as attached.

Seconded by Councilmember Cortese

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Doherty moved that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember Fu.

Voice vote. All in favor.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk