

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held March 1, 2012, at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Mayor 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 2012; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 5TH 2012, 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
Council President Roman Zabihach
Councilmembers: George J. Coogan
Laurie J. Fu
Jason C. Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Also Present: Gail Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Druetzler and Councilmembers discussed the termination of the cleaning contract for failure to comply with the terms of the contract. This item is on the Consent Calendar, awarding the pro-rated contract to Excellent Building Services.

Councilmember Karr stated that Amy Connolly in the Clerk's Office will be attending Certified Municipal Registrar course for four days in April 2012.

Councilmember Karr advised that the 9-11 Sub Committee held their first meeting last week. They will be meeting with the regular 9-11 Committee to discuss their needs.

Councilmember Zabihach reported on the State Plan Meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2012 that he attended with Councilmember Fu. Councilmember Zabihach provided a detailed report on Smart Growth. Councilmember Fu stated that this plan has made strides from the previous 400 page plan; however, she is concerned with the areas that are vague and she would like to see how the State will address those concerns. Mayor and Council agreed to request more specific language or suggestions. Mayor and Councilmembers agreed to review the plan as well. Councilmember Coogan recommended finding out the position of our representative in Trenton relative to the Smart Growth Plan; if they are supportive they may have a Resolution prepared. Councilmember Fu recommended determining the Freeholders position on the plan as well. Councilmember McCluskey asked for the State's timeline; Councilmember Fu advised that there is a 30 day period for public comment and the State Planning Commission will decide what modifications they would like to pursue; a 60 day period would follow where they would

decide whether or not to adopt. Councilmembers Zabihach and Fu will work on recommendations. Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone else would like to be on the Committee; Councilmember Coogan stated if a third member is needed, he will participate.

Councilmember McCluskey stated that *Patch* featured an article on youths from the Town of Dover charged in Morris Plains with graffiti. They damaged Borough School, the parking garage on West Hanover Avenue, the Dayton Building and the underpass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2012-46 entitled, "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Zabihach. So ordered.

Councilmember McCluskey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite. So moved.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

Noreen Morris, Deputy Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held on March 1, 2012, at 8:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Zabihach 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

Tax Collector, January 2012
Animal Control, January 2012
Building Inspector, January 2012
Treasurer, January 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT Katherine Bezold be hired as part-time Summer Camp Director for the 2012 Summer Recreation Program, at an annual salary of \$5,000.00, effective March 5th 2012.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for Fireworks Display Services, with bids to be received on Tuesday, April 17th 2012, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to execute the Retaining Wall Construction Agreement, Block 91, Lot 14, 159 Sun Valley Way, with Cherry and Kevin Miller in a form prepared by the Borough Attorney.

THAT permission be granted for the Morris Plains Farmers Market to be conducted Saturdays, June 16th through October 13th 2012 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in the Merchant Block.

THAT St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Morris Plains Presbyterian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church be granted permission to conduct an ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at Roberts Garden on Sunday, April 1st 2012, from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

THAT the Contract between the Borough and Maverick Cleaning Services be terminated effective March 29, 2012 for failure to comply with the contract terms, and that the Borough award the Contract for Cleaning and Maintenance of Borough Buildings to the second lowest bidder, Excellent Building Services, of Orange, NJ, for their bid price of \$41,640., commencing on or about March 31, 2012 through December 31, 2013, which shall be prorated to \$15,615. for nine (9) months of 2012 and \$20,820. for 2013, subject to the appropriation and availability of funds for the succeeding year and the Borough Attorney's approval of the Contract.

THAT George Ross be hired as part-time Webmaster effective March 1st 2012, at the rate of \$400.00 per month.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Yeas: Councilmembers Zabihach, Coogan, Fu, Karr, Mangravite & McCluskey
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

GREETING OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the public hearing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr stated that the first Budget Meeting was held last week; the next meeting will be March 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m

Councilmember Karr stated that Nisivoccia is auditing our records and will be here until early next week.

Councilmember Karr advised that the Library is offering another paper shredding fundraiser on April 21, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They are requesting a \$5.00 donation per box.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey stated that Judge Carlucci conducted a Moot Court on Tuesday morning, February 28, 2012. It was attended by the 6th graders of the Gifted & Talented Program at Borough School, along with their teacher, Kaitlyn Hammil. They acted out a suit that was filed by the family of a victim who died on the Titanic.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that Chief Scott Thompson has two more weeks of FBI training at the Academy. There will be an optional challenge at the end of the training entitled, "Yellow Brick Road." If the attendees succeed in the challenge, they receive a yellow brick. All of the challenges are themed "Wizard of Oz."

Lt. Tom D'Ambola reported on police department activities. Lt. D'Ambola reported that the two new police officers are doing well at the Academy. Officer Tom Keane has returned to work on February 27, 2012. Officer Keane is on light duty and is working on the accreditation process. Mayor Druetzler asked Lt. D'Ambola to make the necessary calls to move forward on the E-Ticket program.

Public Works

Councilmember Coogan stated that the Department of Public Works' report was distributed. As a result of the nice weather, DPW has performed work at the pump house at the pool, which normally would have been done later in the season. They started working on the patio at the Teen Center.

Councilmember Coogan stated that he submitted the Grant Application to Donnelly Engineering for the energy saving work at the DPW buildings and the power controls at the Community Center. The lighting controls at the Community Center were eliminated from the application, as it was deemed an undertaking we can do ourselves. These projects cost approximately \$31,000.00, which the State Grant will pick up almost \$22,000.00. Donnelly will need to come in and look at the buildings, and will then schedule the work to be done.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu stated that the Recreation Commission met last night. Pool registration will begin March 12, 2012. Comedy night will be on Saturday, March 3, 2012 and they have sold 112 tickets. Tickets are still available at the door. The Recreation Commission has scheduled trips to see Broadway Plays, Mary Poppins and

Priscilla, Queen of the Dessert. Both plays are sold out, however, waiting lists are available. Katie Bezold, Recreation Coordinator, is considering another bus trip at the end of spring/early summer for a family event, possibly a baseball game. The Easter Bunny Breakfast flyer was distributed and will take place on March 31, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. The Recreation Commission is bringing back the "Paint the Town Program" and they are considering painting the inside of the Teen Center House.

Councilwoman Fu advised that the Recreation Commission has been working with the U.S. Sports Institute and they will be organizing Volley Ball for girls. The Theater Program begins June 18, 2012, and they will be expanding this program to include the inner workings of the backstage and stage design with the hope to include more children who are not necessarily interested in being on stage. The Basketball Program was looking for an area to store equipment and Councilmember Coogan located space at the Watnong Park Garage.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite stated that the Madison Health Services and Animal Control Reports have been received.

Councilmember Mangravite stated that a decision has to be made on the type of brick to use for the six hundred square foot patio at the Teen Center. He will discuss options and financing with the Teen Center Board.

Councilmember Mangravite asked Councilmember Fu to provide an update on the survey drafted by the School's Strategic Planning Committee. Councilmember Fu provided information on the survey and stated that she hopes people return the surveys so that the school and the various groups in town will benefit from the feedback. It is the Committee's hope that the survey will be available March 5, 2012, with a return date of two weeks later. Paper copies are available; the survey is also available on www.surveymonkey.com. Councilmember Mangravite added that it has been an interesting effort.

Councilmember Mangravite stated that logs on grease trap inspections will be required by the Sanitarian as he performs his inspections.

Councilmember Mangravite stated that Councilmember Coogan agreed to be responsible for the sewer maintenance, and he inquired as to whether the construction would still be handled under his Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers Committee. Mayor Druetler recommended that Councilmembers Mangravite and Coogan consult with each other on projects.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Zabihach advised that he, Mayor Druetzler, and Borough Engineer Leon Hall will meet with Princeton Hydro and the Executive Director of Whippany River Association on Monday, March 5, 2012, to discuss potential projects.

Councilmember Coogan added to his report, saying that the Sheriff's Office Labor Program (SLAP) was at the Community Garden today to spread mulch in the beds. The Garden Opens in two weeks, March 15, 2012. All but 10 of the current gardeners have payed for the plots this year, and there are approximately 17 on the waiting list. Mayor and Councilmembers discussed offering the mulch to the residents.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the public portion.

ORDINANCES OF FIRST READING

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2012-47 entitled, "**BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS SPEEDWELL AVENUE LIGHTING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Zabihach.

Yeas: Councilmembers Zabihach, Coogan, Fu, Karr and McCluskey
Nays: Councilmember Mangravite
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2012-48 entitled, "**BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, SPEEDWELL AVENUE, NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT**" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Zabihach.

Yeas: Councilmembers Zabihach, Coogan, Fu, Karr and McCluskey
Nays: Councilmember Mangravite
Abstain: None
Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

None.

Councilmember Zabihach moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So moved.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

Noreen Morris, Deputy Clerk