

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held March 15, 2012, at 7:30 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 asked Councilmembers Zabihach and Fu to update the Governing Body relative to the State Plan. Councilmembers Zabihach and Fu agreed there are six points that need clarity and said that they would welcome recommendations from the Governing Body. Councilmember Fu emphasized that there are steps that need to be defined and measures that need to be in place. Councilmember Zabihach suggested another meeting be held to discuss Councilmember Coogan's recommendations so that a Resolution can be prepared for the April 16, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Zabihach added that the State was going to conclude the commentary process on April 2, 2012, however, that deadline will be extended. Councilmember Coogan asked if the Municipal League has made comments; Councilmember Zabihach stated he will contact them shortly. Councilmember Karr asked what position our representatives in Trenton have taken; Councilmember Zabihach said they are basically in favor of the Plan. Councilmember Zabihach provided a detailed history of the State Plan.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that Meredith Petrillo, our Animal Control Officer, received a Call for Hero Award at the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey Conference. She was nominated and chosen for her efforts during the tropical storm in 2011.

Councilmember Coogan stated that the Mulch Program has been extremely successful, as outlined in the Superintendent's report. Orders are still coming in and churches and schools were contacted directly. Orders will cease on Friday, March 23, 2012, and deliveries will be made through March 30, 2012. Mulch will be available at Watnong Park for individuals to pick up.

Councilmember Zabihach announced that DEP withdrew funding for potential projects in town. DEP determined that funding should go to Barnegat Bay. DEP added that should funds become available in the future, Whippany Watershed should resubmit their proposal.

Councilmember Fu reported that the Shade Tree Commission is eligible for a grant for 405 trees from the Division of Parks and Forestry. We are eligible for this grant as a result of the removal of trees at the Route 10 and Route 53 interchange. The Borough must first complete a Community Forestry Management Plan, which can be funded through another grant for approximately \$3,000.00. This project would also provide additional points to our Sustainable Jersey Certification; receipt of this Certification would qualify us for additional grants that would benefit our tree service program. Mayor and Councilmembers entertained a brief discussion on placement and variety of the trees.

Councilmember Fu stated that she met with George Ross, the new Webmaster. He has a lot of great ideas. She recommends letting Councilmembers ask their committees notify Mr. Ross of any events or information that needs to be placed on the website.

Councilmember Karr stated that June Uhrin, Borough Clerk, met with Ana Thomas and Tracy Rooney of the Finance Office, to discuss roles of the Clerk's Office and roles of the Finance Office to better direct employee questions.

Mayor Druetzler stated that the power and gas service has been completely severed at the 260 Tabor Road location. The next Consent Calendar will request the Borough Engineer to prepare the specifications for the demolition process. Councilmembers were in agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2012-49 entitled, "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Coogan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So moved.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held on March 15, 2012, at 8:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Zabihach moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive, Conference & Regular Meeting of February 16, 2012 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. Councilmember Coogan abstained. So ordered.

Councilmember Zabihach moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Budget Meeting of February 24, 2012 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr. So ordered.

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

Borough Clerk, February 2012
Animal Licensing, February 2012
Fire Prevention, February 2012
Police Department, February 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the resolution entitled, "MORRIS PLAINS LITTLE LEAGUE, RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 236-12," be adopted as attached.

THAT Sheryl McNichol be hired for the Recreation program "Kids Helping Kids" Spring Craft Instructor at \$20.00 per hour effective March 21st 2012; which mentor program is authorized through a Grant and Registration [The program is self funded].

THAT the Borough Council authorize the Amendment to the Agreement between Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc. and the Borough of Morris Plains for the period April 1st 2012 through March 31st 2013.

THAT St. Virgil/Morris Catholic Jr. School be granted permission to hold its Field Day activities at Simons Park on Friday, May 25th 2012, with a rain date of Tuesday, May 29th 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

THAT Jerry Rota be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a Picnic to be held Saturday, July 21st 2012, from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M., at Community Park.

THAT having received quotes for the 2012 water treatment to Community Park Pond from the following:

Aquatic Technologies, Inc.	
Community Park Pond	\$1,200.00
Black Lagoon	
Community Park Pond	No Quote

THAT a purchase order be issued to Aquatic Technologies, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$1,200.00.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of \$17.00 to NJ Natural Gas, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated February 27th 2012.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of \$179.00 to Jeff Tukel, 116 Sun Valley Way, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated February 27th 2012.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Sun Valley Way and Laurel Street Paving Project, with bids to be received on Tuesday, May 1st 2012, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

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 next Budget Meeting will be March 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Karr stated George Ross, our new Webmaster, can be reached at morrisplainsweb@gmail.com.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey reported that Chief Scott Thompson will be graduating from FBI Academy tomorrow. He passed the optional challenge at the end of the training entitled, "Yellow Brick Road," and received a yellow brick.

Councilmember McCluskey distributed the deer cull census. A brief discussion ensued.

Lt. Tom D'Ambola reported on police department activities. The Police Department is working on the final phase of the accreditation process. Lt. D'Ambola stated that he is still working on the E-Ticket program.

Public Works

Councilmember Coogan added to Councilmember Fu's report during the Conference Meeting relative to a grant for 405 trees. Councilmember Coogan stated that he made the Beautification Committee aware of this grant as they have been involved in tree plantings in our parks. They would be more than willing to assist the Shade Tree Commission on the locations of plantings on Borough properties, as well as the selection of trees.

Councilmember Coogan stated that he submitted the Grant Application to Donnelly Engineering for the three DPW buildings and the Community Center for energy efficiency. Donnelly will be here in the next few weeks to complete the onsite engineering checklist for the energy improvements.

Councilmember Coogan stated that the Department of Public Works' report was distributed. They have completed laying the brick for the patio at the Teen Center and only need to place the corner pieces. Mayor and Councilmembers stated that it looks very good.

Councilmember Coogan stated that there was a lot of progress at the Community Garden and the DPW will be adding 18 more plots. They are in the process of getting fence quotes. They have taken down the trees in the back and have installed two new water spigots. The tentative date for the new plots is May 1, 2012. There are 13 people on the waiting list; George Ross will start contacting them.

Councilmember Coogan stated that the Road Department cleaned out the Watnong house and there is room to store basketball hoops for the Basketball Association.

Councilman Coogan stated that the Mulch Program has been quite successful. It is anticipated that 1,000 cubic yards will be delivered to various homes, schools and churches in the Borough. Orders will cease on March 23, 2012 and deliveries will cease on March 30, 2012. There will be a stockpile of mulch at Watnong Park for people to come and get themselves.

Leon Hall, P.E., Borough Engineer, stated that the plans and specs for the 2012 capital improvement projects are fifty percent complete. Bids for this project will be taken the same day as the Sun Valley Way bids and it will be advertised early April 2012. Plans and specs for Speedwell Avenue are also in progress; this project will be bid on slightly later as the road work needs to be completed first. A call was placed to the DOT District Manager to determine the status of our Local Aid Grant Application for Watnong Drive. It is undetermined when a decision will be made; this affects the capital project as the sidewalk is included. It would be pulled from the capital improvement projects and put in with the Local Aid grant. Chase Bank has been very aggressive in their project to build a larger bank, and it is their hope it will be completed in August 2012.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu stated that the Recreation Commission held Comedy Night on Saturday, March 3, 2012 and there were 125 attendees. The Easter Bunny event will take place on March 31, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Fu reported that the Sustainable New Jersey Committee will meet on March 27, 2012 and will discuss plans to hold a backyard composter sale. They are trying to schedule a

demonstration on April 14, 2012 and orders can be picked up on April 19, 2012. This event will be co-sponsored by the Sustainable New Jersey Committee of Morristown.

Councilmember Fu reported that Maria Diaz, a teacher at Borough School, was recognized and received a Garden State Green Award for her recycling efforts at the school. Councilmember Fu stated that she had many wonderful projects and the community is very proud of her.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite stated that Tom Jones, our Clean Communities Coordinator, has scheduled the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help clean our streets, a project done in the spring and fall.

Councilmember Mangravite stated that the Municipal Alliance sponsored a performance of *School House Rock* at Borough School and it was a great success.

Councilmember Mangravite stated that an 8th Grade event at the Teen Center offered a video game truck that featured five large televisions and different software. The students divided into teams and had different video game challenges.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Zabihach advised that he, Mayor Druetzler, Michael Obremski of JCP&L, and the President of First Energy of Ohio, met at the Community Center to discuss low hanging wires in town. They also discussed how JCP&L can better serve the community.

Councilmember Zabihach reported that it is likely Freeholder Feyl will be appointed as the new Director of the Highlands Commission. There may be significant changes in Morris County and impacts to our Planning Board.

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

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Mangravite provided an update to Mayor and Council on his first Standing Committee meeting. Mayor and Council discussed the roles of the Standing Committees.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following vouchers for March 2012 be approved.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

Seconded by Councilmember Zabihach.

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

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

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. So moved.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Clerk