

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held April 18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

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 2013; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 7, 2013, 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 Laurie Fu
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala
George Coogan
Jason Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne McCluskey

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had any questions concerning items contained on the Consent Calendar.

One of the Councilmembers asked for confirmation as to whether the proper title is "part-time clerk", "part-time clerical", or something else.

It was decided that either of these titles should be acceptable.

Councilman Coogan asked a question concerning a matter on tonight's agenda. The matter referred to the ordinance relating to vacant buildings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-62 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Karr moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held April 18, 2013 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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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Fu moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive Conference and the Regular Meetings of March 7, 2013.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Fu moved:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Fu 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

Building Inspector, March 2013
Police Department, March 2013
Tax Collector, March 2013
Municipal Court, March 2013
Treasurer, March 2013
Borough Clerk, February & March 2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Resolution No. 2013–63 entitled “RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN,” be adopted as attached.

THAT the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Watnong Post 3401, be granted permission to distribute Little Red Buddy Poppies at various locations within the Borough of Morris Plains from May 1st through May 31st 2013.

THAT Morris Plains Joyful Noise be granted permission to use Simons Park for a play day, on Thursday, June 6th 2013, raindate Friday, June 7th 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

THAT the ladies Auxiliary of the Morris Plains fire Association be granted permission to hold a plant sale on the Fire House Ramp, Saturday, May 11th 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 2: p.m.

THAT the Warner Lambert Senior Group be granted permission to park at Simons Park parking lot from May 27th 2013 through June 2nd 2013 while on a trip.

THAT the Borough Council authorize Leon C. Hall, Stormwater Program Manager and Borough Engineer, as the duly authorized representative to prepare and submit the Annual Stormwater Report and Certification 2012.

THAT having received bids for the Fireworks Display Services, that a contract be awarded to Pyro Engineering Inc., d/b/a Bay Fireworks for their low responsible and responsive bid of \$20,800.00, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract in the form approved by the Borough Attorney.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

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

Mr. Daniel J. Kanter, 26 Sun Valley Way, Morris Plains, commented on a Shade Tree Commission matter.

Councilmember Cecala advised that this matter is on the Work Sheet for the work to be approved by the Shade Tree Commission (was approved) and for the actual tree work that needs to be done. He will follow up with the Shade Tree Commission/Department of Public Works regarding scheduling of the work to be done.

Hearing no other comments, he closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr advised that the auditors should be at the Borough this week and will most likely be here for at least one week, possibly longer. The Library will

hold its shredding event on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. He also reported on certain work done by the DPW.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised the Police Department in conjunction with the Morristown and Morris County Police will sponsor a junior police academy this coming summer. It is two weeks – July 8th to July 19th 2013. She provided information on those who will serve as instructors. There is a cost to the participant and for those who cannot afford to attend, there are scholarships available. She advised the drug take-back will be at Stop & Shop on Saturday, April 27th 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She also reported on the Roberts Garden Commission's most recent meeting.

Chief Thompson presented his report, specifically about a Traffic Committee meeting.

Mayor Druetzler suggested contact be made with a Steve Rosenstein and will provide the contact information to the Chief if needed.

Chief Thompson reported on the townhouse development as it relates to parking issues, emphasizing that no parking is allowed on the street(s). He reported on several other actions/events. He commented on homeland security issues, referred to the checking of license plates and certain software and hardware.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala presented his report including that Little League Opening Day was cancelled. He also commented on the ICS class and that four participants are taking this class with the Police Department. He reported on the selection of the fireworks vendor.

Mr. Hall commented on several matters, including problems with certain contracts and possibly with accomplishing the work needed in a timely manner.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu presented her report, including commenting on work done by the DPW and the cancellation of the Little League Opening Day. She also reminded that the Arbor Day celebration is next Friday, April 26th 2013 at Mountain Way School.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported on the upcoming DARE graduation on May 31st 2013, 10:00 a.m. He also reported on the Municipal Alliance, the Board of Health, and an article for publication. There was also commentary on the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, May 27th 2013. He presented an update in connection with recycling efforts and provided information about the fall Flu Clinic.

Cross discussion that related to catering/food issues and summertime efforts to address the dangers of too much sun tanning.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan presented his report re property maintenance. He also reported on the Community Garden.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Coogan introduced the following ordinance and read the same.

Ordinance No. 5-2013

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REVISION OF CHAPTER 29, ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" OF THE "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS NEW JERSEY, 1972" TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

Thereupon, Councilmember Coogan offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this meeting on April 18, 2013 and passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on May 2, 2013 at 8:30 PM prevailing time in the Municipal Building in the said Borough, this Council will further consider for second reading and final passage of said ordinance.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Borough be and she is hereby directed to publish the proper notice thereof, including the ordinance, post the ordinance on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and make copies available to members of the general public.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Druetzler provided background information on why this ordinance is needed at this particular time.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councilmember Karr

Thereupon, Councilmember Coogan offered the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-64 entitled, "A Resolution Hiring Part-Time Clerical" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered

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

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-65 entitled, "Borough of Morris Plains, Speedwell Avenue Project" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. So ordered.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following vouchers for April 2013 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Councilmember Cecala moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk