

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held May 2, 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
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne McCluskey

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

Councilmember Karr arrived at 7:58 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler commented on the new Borough web site.

Councilmember Karr provided a detailed update relating to the web site revisions. He referred to the Morris Internet Group (basically a husband and wife team); the authorization of the web design; a comparison between the old system and updated system; issues involving computer viruses; prior problems with the use of e-mail; testing; work that remains to be completed; the calendar and other constant web site information; and e-mail alerts.

Brief cross discussion about e-mail alert information and keeping a record of this data.

Mayor Druetzler complimented on the garden, stating that it looks fantastic.

Cross discussion about miscellaneous issues.

Councilmember McCluskey commented on the Consent Calendar entry concerning the hiring of a part-time Violations Clerk.

Councilmember Fu advised about an issue raised at the most recent Recreation Commission meeting. It related to whether a public school choice student would be able to attend the Summer Camp. She provided information concerning the discussion and what the Commission preliminary decided (that it would be allowed for this year, but would be researched further in connection with participation in future years).

Cross discussion about this matter.

Councilmember Coogan reported on an inquiry from a resident from Parker Drive, the Beautification Committee, and their project for this year.

Mayor Druetzler commented on how much improved the grass on the left side of the Borough property looks – what a difference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-66 entitled "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Mangravite moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Fu.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held May 2, 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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Present on Roll Call:

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Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala
George Coogan
Jason Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne McCluskey

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Fu moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference, and the Regular Meetings of March 21st, 2013

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Fu moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 28th, 2013

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor with the exception of one abstention (Councilmember Cecala). Motion carried.

Councilmember Fu moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference, and Regular Meetings of April 4th, 2013.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor with the exception of one abstention (Councilmember Coogan). Motion carried.

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

Animal Control, March 2013
Animal Licensing, February & March 2013
Borough Engineer, Quarterly

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-67 entitled "ANNUAL AUDIT CORRECTION ACTION PLAN," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of \$2,212.20 Cash Maintenance Guarantee to Townsend & Associates, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated April 29th 2013.

THAT William Bonnema be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a birthday party to be held Saturday, May 4th 2013, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Community Park.

THAT Christine Antico, MOMS Club of Morris Plains be granted permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a Family Fun Day to be held Saturday, June 15th 2013, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Community Park.

THAT the following be hired for summer help in the Department of public Works effective May 6th 2013 at the salary stated:

Wayne Jennings	\$9.00/hr
Dan Webster	\$9.00/hr
Jim Koller	\$9.00/hr

THAT having received quotes for the 2013 MP Family Day from the following:

Party Perfect Rentals, LLC	\$5,100.00
Circus Time Amusements & Entertainment.	\$5,500.00
Amazing Amusements & Entertainment	\$5,595.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Party Perfect Rentals, LLC, Freehold, NJ in the amount of \$5,100.00

THAT Irene Phelan, Skyline Drive, Morristown continue the Senior Exercise program as a Volunteer Instructor from April 25th 2013 through May 30th 2013.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Donald V. Underhill, 7 Morris Place, Morris Township, NJ, as a member of the Morris Plains Fire Department.

THAT Denise Hughey, be hired as a part-time Violations Clerk and authorized to cover the Violations Office June 4th 2013 to June 6th 2013, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the rate of \$16.00 per hour [Salary will be paid through POAA fund.].

THAT having received quotes for Hydro-Raking at Watnong Park from the following:

Aquatic Technologies	2013	\$3,780.00
Option	2014	\$3,780.00
Princeton Hydro	2013	\$3,855.00
Option	2014	\$3,855.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to Aquatic Technologies, Branchville, NJ in the amount of \$3,780.00 for 2013.

THAT the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for Computer Consulting Support and Maintenance Services, with bids to be received on Thursday, June 13th 2013, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute the 2013 Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders Application for 2013 Municipal Alliance Supplemental Funding and the Letter of Agreement.

THAT a contract be awarded to Newtech Recycling Inc., for E-Scrap Recycling for the period June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 in the form approved by the Borough Attorney. This contract is awarded under the Recycling Program exception to public bidding.

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. Seeing no one, he closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr advised of a second quarter safety meeting and a third quarter safety meeting in July. He also commented on the 9-11 Memorial.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised that the Fire Department's Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 11th 2013 at the Fire House. She also reported on the drug take-back held at Stop & Shop last Saturday. On April 11th 2013 there was a court visitation audit. She also advised that Dara, the Borough's Court Administrator has been nominated for recognition by the Court Administrators' Association.

Chief Thompson presented his report, specifically about the drug take-back and other pertinent matters.

Mayor Druetzler commented that there will be an extension of fencing along the railroad tracks for safety reasons.

Councilmember McCluskey provided information about a mock trial that Borough School students will participate in. It will be held on Friday morning, May 5th 2013, in the Borough Council Chambers. The D.A.R.E. graduation will be held on May 31st 2013, 10:00 A.M. at the Borough School in the auditorium.

Mayor Druetzler also commented on the upcoming mock trial.

Cross discussion about a program entitled "Alive at 25" that Judge Carlucci participates with.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala presented his report including the hiring of the three summer help employees for the Department of Public Works (DPW). They are all Morristown residents. One more summer help employee is still to be identified. The Canada goose patrol has started. The Borough probably will not be receiving any mulch this year from the County since the County needs what they have to continue to address problems caused by storm Sandy.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu presented her report, including at attendance at the Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 26 2013 at the Mountain Way School along with commentary as to what took place at this event. Due to the lack of a quorum, there was no May Shade Tree Commission. No update has been received in connection with the State grant.

Continuing, she reported on the various Recreation Commission projects, including preparing the pool for summer, renovations to the snack bar, and that the Sheriff's Labor Assistance program (SLAP) will be helping out with some of this work. She advised about the installation of the two new basketball courts; work being done by the new summer recreation coordinator is working with Mrs. Leahey on the camp plans; early discount reminders to be sent out; the summer concerts on Sundays in July; Senior Picnic (July 18th); Splash Party (July 20th); coaches participating on school fields are being reminded to do concussion training update for the JIF program; recycling at the fields; "Sustain the Plains" curriculum; attendance at an upcoming Sustainable Jersey conference at Bloomfield College; and a Memorial Day Parade update.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported on the Board of Health; the Recycling Center activities; the Teen Center activities and additional public welfare, sanitation and sewer topics **[Much of what he said was inaudible.]**

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan advised that confirmation was received from JCP&L concerning accounts.

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

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Councilmember Coogan read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 5-2013

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 29, ENTITLED "PROPERTY

MAINTENANCE CODE” OF THE “REVISED ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972” TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS

which ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting held on April 18th 2013.

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 on April 18, 2013, 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 May 2, 2013 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 Coogan read the following notice and ordinance by title and stated that the Notice and Ordinance had been published as required by law that the ordinance had been posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and that copies had been made available to members of the general public..

Mayor Druetzer 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. Seeing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the Public Hearing.

Thereupon Councilmember Coogan 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.

Mayor Druetzler ordered the Clerk to call the roll on the passage thereof and the vote was as follows:

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

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-68 entitled, “Borough of Morris Plains, Speedwell Avenue, Project Authorization” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

Abstain: None

2013 BUDGET

Mayor Druetzler advised the next agenda item will be the budget approval. He provided commentary concerning the budget: (1) this year's budget is \$12,740,117, up \$212,000 or 1.69%; (2) the tax base is \$9,915,148, up \$193,715 or 1.99%; (3) he complimented the Governing Body on its work in developing and finalizing the finished document; (4) the tax rate rises 2.9 cents or \$29 on a house at \$100,000 or \$116 on a house at \$400,000 (essentially the Borough average); (5) it provides for the basic services in the community; (6) continues the efforts to recover from Storm Sandy; (7) he advised of several budget increases (Shade Tree due to storm damage, sewer contracts); and (8) new Board of Health contract reduces the previous cost by \$33,000 as do some additional charges (principal on bonds and notes). He again thanked all involved with this team effort to finalize a budget.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Bill and Valerie and commented on the positive nature of past relationships and the hope that those in the future will be the likewise. He thanked Bill for his advice over the years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councilmember Karr:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-69 entitled, "Adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Councilmember Cecala moved to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

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

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk