

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held December 19, 2013, at 7:33 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
Jason Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne McCluskey

Absent: George Coogan

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler commented on a recent event that the Governor and other political representatives attended. This involves seeking support for a measure presented by legislators Bucco and Pennachio. Letters and e-mails need to be written to support this measure. He also suggested contacting *Patch* to advise of the opposition to a certain action.

Continuing, Mayor Druetzler recommended retaining the same committees in 2014 as in 2013 unless any Councilmember sees a reason to change. Councilmember McCluskey will stay as the Council representative on the Planning Board. He next asked for nominations for Council President in 2014.

Councilmember Cecala nominated Councilmember Coogan for this position.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Councilmember Cecala updated on DPW personnel issues, particularly one employee who currently is “wearing three hats” as a mechanic, going to school, and doing many other activities, such as attending the Shade Tree training seminar.

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone has any questions on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Karr commented on the end-of-the-year maintenance work being done in the Finance Office.

Councilmember McCluskey reported that one of the police officers will require another surgery and will most likely be out of the work until mid March and another police officer was involved in an off-duty automobile accident and will be out about one week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Mangravite:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-136 entitled “Executive Session” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Councilmember Cecala moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Mangravite.

Councilmember Mangravite moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Fu.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held December 19th, 2013 at 8:33 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: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

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

Borough Clerk, November 2013
Sanitarian, November 2013
Municipal Court, November 2013
Tax Collector, November 2013
Building Inspector, October 2013
Treasurer, November 2013
Tipping Fees, November 2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-137 entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-138 entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-139 entitled "TRANSFER OF FUNDS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No 2013-140 entitled "CANCELLATION-OF-BALANCES AND OVERPAYMENTS LESS THAN \$10.00," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-141 entitled "REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-142 entitled "CANCEL UNEXPENDED 2013 BUDGET APPROPRIATION BALANCES," be adopted as attached.

THAT Dana Tanzola, Court Administrator, be granted permission to carry 21 hours of vacation from 2013 to 2014, which shall be used by March 31st 2014.

THAT Scott Thompson, Police Chief, be granted permission to carry 40 hours of vacation from 2013 to 2014, which shall be used by March 31st 2014.

THAT June Uhrin, Borough Clerk, be granted permission to carry 42 hours of vacation from 2013 to 2014, which shall be used by March 31st 2014.

THAT Rosanne Denman, Secretary, be granted permission to carry 35 hours of vacation from 2013 to 2014, which shall be used by March 31st 2014.

THAT Joseph Signorelli, DPW Superintendent, be granted permission to carry 64 hours of vacation from 2013 to 2014, which shall be used by March 31st 2014.

THAT Thomas Beers, Records Clerk, be granted permission to carry 21 hours of vacation from 2013 to 2014, which shall be used by March 31st 2014.

THAT the Borough Council approve a \$3,000 stipend to be paid to Karleen Leahey for interim recreation event coordination services.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of Performance Bond No. 72BSBGE6613 to U. S. Home Corporation d/b/a Lennar, for Coventry Park Morris Plains, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated December 5th 2013.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Daniel J. Webster, 261 Mountain Way, Morris Plains, N.J., as a member of the Morris Plains Fire Department.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application of Philip J. Esposito, 14 Willison Park Road, Morristown, N.J., as a member of the Morris Plains Fire Department.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of Inspection Escrow to Warner Lambert Company, LLC, Block 151, Lot 2 and Block 121, Lot 1, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated November 14th 2013.

THAT the Borough Council authorize the release and return of Inspection Escrow to Eileen and Kevin Bodnar, Block 72.04 Lot 20, 26 Overlook Trail, per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated November 14th 2013.

THAT the Borough Council approve the Donated Leave of 60 sick hours by Chief Scott Thompson to Ptl. Steve Rush.

THAT the Borough Council approve the Donated Leave of 70 sick hours by Sigal Rice, Secretary, to Ptl. Steve Rush.

THAT the Conference Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 30th 2013, be cancelled.

THAT the Borough hereby exercises its option to extend the contract with Ennova Solutions, Inc. for Computer Consulting Support and Maintenance Services to the Morris Plains Police Department and Borough Administrative Offices, contract awarded on June 20th 2013 for calendar year 2014, commencing January 1st 2014 and terminating December 31st 2014 at the contract price of \$25,912.

THAT John Signorelli having received his certification from the State of New Jersey as Certified Public Works Manager receive a 5% increase in his base salary effective December 1st 2013..

THAT the Borough Council hold a public meeting at its regular meeting on January 16th 2014 at 8:30 p.m. on the Soil Disturbance Permit Application of Morris Plains Contracting LLC concerning Block 121, Lot 1, 182-200 Tabor Road, Morris Plains and that the applicant be notified of the scheduled hearing date.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Yeas: Councilmembers Fu, Cecala, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Coogan
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 the public portion of this meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr advised he had nothing to report.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised that each fire truck is now equipped with a tablet computer with a GPS and is compatible with the County. The tablets were purchased by the Fire Department with donated funds.

The Police Chief advised of a recent meeting with members of the Honeywell security team. The meeting lasted for 2-1/2 to three hours and was very productive and worthwhile.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala reported that the deer cull number remains at 18. He provided additional information on what other municipalities and the County are doing with regard to deer culling.

Continuing, he updated on DPW activities, mentioning that Superintendent Signorelli currently is on vacation.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu stated she has nothing to report.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported there are two new signs at the Recycling Center. An animal control (dog and cat) census will be conducted in 2014. The Board of Health is preparing an updated brochure in conjunction with the animal control census. This brochure will be handed out by the patrolmen who conduct the census.

Chief Thompson asked if the special officers will conduct the census again this year. He asked if he should offer this project to them.

Mayor Druetzler commented that he thought they did a an excellent job the prior time and if they want to do, that will be good.

Chief Thompson will contact the special officers group about doing this.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

No report.

It was stated that there will be several ordinances introduced at the second meeting in January. These have been held off on due to an insufficient number of meetings.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Councilmember McCluskey read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2013

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REPEAL OF CERTAIN FEES SET FORTH IN THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-46 AND FOR THE REPEAL OF PARAGRAPH (e) IN CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22-28 IN THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972.

which ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting held on December 5th 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 December 5th 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 December 19th 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 McCluskey 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 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. He advised this ordinance changes certain fees for 2014. Seeing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the Public Hearing.

Thereupon Councilmember McCluskey 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, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Coogan
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.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2013

Councilmember McCluskey read by title the ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES AND LONGEVITY PAY

which ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting held on December 5th 2013.

The Clerk read the following notice:

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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. He advised this ordinance set the salary ranges for 2014. Seeing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the Public Hearing.

Thereupon Councilmember McCluskey offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

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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, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Coogan
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

Councilmember Karr moved

THAT Resolution No. 2013-143, the "EDUCATION OF MORRIS PLAINS, RAFFLE LICENSE NO. 254-13," be adopted as attached.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

Councilmember Cecala moved

THAT Resolution No. 2013-144, "CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2014," be adopted as attached.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved that the vouchers for December 2013 in the amount of \$2,322,074.78 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Councilmember McCluskey moved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala.

Mayor Druetzler wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk