

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and occupancy restrictions imposed by Executive Order and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually only, using the Zoom platform. Members of the public are able to participate in the meeting by audio and/or video or through the Zoom chat feature. Public comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk via electronic mail or in written letter form. All comments must be received no later than 4 PM the day of the meeting. Electronic Mail should be sent to publiccomments@mapleshade.com Please type “Township Council Meeting Comment” and the date of the meeting in the email subject line. Written letters should state that the letter is being submitted as a Township Council meeting comment and the date of meeting for which the comment is scheduled. During the business session portion of the Remote Public Meeting the audio of all members of the public attending the meeting will be muted. At the end of the business session of the meeting, a time for public comment will be available. Members of the public who desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application and/or submit a written comment via the text message section of the application. The meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Mayor will recognize them in order. Public comment shall be concise and to the point and shall not contain abusive, defamatory, or obscene language.

Township of Maple Shade is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Township Council Meeting -

Time: Feb 25, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85816003655?pwd=bkdzYkpraXhwVTdHS3pqTUIlXYUNlUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 1600 3655

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85816003655>

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given by the Township Council in the following manner:

Notifying the Township Clerk December 15, 2020.

Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on December 15, 2020.

Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on December 15, 2020.

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ROLL CALL

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

PROCLAMATION – CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY – Proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports - No issues for the month of February. There is an increase to 50% indoor gatherings, cases increased slightly in town.

Public Participation - none

Motion to Close: Volpe Second: Kauffman All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adjourn: Nunes Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2021-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey Amending the Municipal Code to Revise Chapter 174, Governing “Stormwater Control”

Open to Public - none

Motion to Close: Nunes Second: Kauffman Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Motion to Table to March 25, 2021: Kauffman Second: Volpe Comments: none

Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			

Ordinance No. 2021-03 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 4-36(B) of the Township Code Regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment to Increase the Number of Alternate Board Members to Four Alternate Members

Open to Public - none

Motion to Close: Schmidt Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adopt: Second: Comments: none Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes	x		x			

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Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			

PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items) - none

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Schmidt All in Favor: yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-R-49 Approval of Person-To-Person Liquor License Transfer for (License Number 0319-33-015-010) from Blitz of Maple Shade, LLC to Lin & Ong Plaza, LLC

Resolution No. 2021-R-50 Authorize Firework Display for July 3, 2021 Event

Resolution No. 2021-R-51 Authorize Road Closings for Municipal Events

Resolution No. 2021-R-52 Amend Contract with McCormick & Taylor, Inc. for Pedestrian Safety Improvements-2018 Maple Shade Safe Routes to School and Approve Change Order No. 1

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Comments:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$3,246,409.43

Motion to Approve: Second: Comments: Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe	x		x			
Wiest			x			

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Second: Comments: Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt		x	x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

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PUBLIC PORTION – Heather Talarico, 553 Cutler Avenue, concerned with multiple groups using the turf field. Council understands the issues, but the field was funded with green acres money and the township must abide with green acres laws. It seems many municipalities have the same issues; the scheduling of our organizations will curtail some of the problem.

Motion to Close: Schmidt Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the recent fire; the emergency groups did a great job. Council thanked the police department for putting out notices referencing the “Controlled Burns” the last few days, noticing the public relieved concerns. Stay safe, stay masked, keep your distance, and get vaccinated when it is your turn.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations

- a. CME conducted their meeting on the 3rd at North Coles to rectify the issues.
- b. the field signs are going up and amendments to the recreation ordinance is being worked on.
- c. There will be a town wide yard sale in April, it is noticed on the website and in the newsletter.
- d. Municipalities are approving opposition resolutions for Senate Bill 3453 which puts our police departments in danger of crimes when it comes to working with parents and minors if they are involved in drinking or marijuana. Council will approve same resolution at next meeting.
- e. The township did well collecting for vacant property fees, but our revenue is down, the budget meetings will be scheduled shortly.

2. Police Report

- a. The guidance from the Attorney General in reference to the marijuana law, is leaving law enforcement in a bed situation. Departments are looking for further directives. Also looking into new programs against drugs with Municipal Alliance.
- b. PD is looking to partner with Pine Hill for a program, “Volunteers of America.”
- c. the signboards are out and are looking to install crosswalk signs around the schools.

3. Site Plan – no meeting

4. Advisory Board – New flags will be going up on Main Street, bought by Columbia Bank and installed by Thomson Laminations, thank you to both. It was reported that the Public Works worked through six ice/snow events this years, great job to the public works department.

5. Acquisition of Property - Kings Hwy Plant; Engineer Yoder presented the case for purchasing the property for future water plant, Council agreed.

6. Feasibility Evaluation – Council decided not to do a feasibility study, rather TVing the pipes and using alternative procedures to find the problems.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Autism Sign Placement – Council agreed a process should be in place to allow for specialized signs and memorial benches, trees, etc. to be placed in Maple Shade to avoid overcrowding.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – March 9, 2021