

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to continue to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, until further notice, all meetings will be held in person in accordance with CDC guidelines and virtually, 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 [publiccomment@mapleshade.com](mailto:publiccomment@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: Jul 22, 2021, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Sep 9, 2021, 06:30 PM

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Oct 14, 2021, 06:30 PM

Oct 28, 2021, 06:30 PM

Nov 18, 2021, 06:30 PM

Dec 9, 2021, 06:30 PM

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**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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Resolution No. 2021-R-134** Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

1. Personnel
2. Attorney Client / Potential Litigation – Maple Shade Fire Department

**Motion to Close: Kauffman            Second: Schmidt            All in Favor: 5-0**

Formal action may be taken upon conclusion of Closed Session.

Mayor of the Township Council then declares the meeting closed and directs that the tape be shut off. At conclusion of closed portion, Mayor of Township Council calls for a motion to reopen the meeting and turn the tape on.

Motion to Open:                            Second:                            All in Favor:

**PRESENTATION – HEYER GRUEL; Downtown/Affordable Housing**

Susan Gruel, PPE of Heyer Gruel and Associates introduced herself to Council and provided each with a brochure regarding her firm. Heyer Gruel is a Community Planning Firm, with no engineering component. Specifically, Heyer Gruel specializes in Affordable Housing, Economic Development and Revitalization Plans for communities around the state. Currently they are working on several Downtown Plans for municipalities such as Maple Shade. Heyer Gruel takes the approach concentrating first on Public Outreach with Stakeholders and Public Meetings as a

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top priority. Ms. Gruel stated that in her initial tour of Maple Shade, the town has “good bones”. Additionally, she has worked with several of Maple Shade’s professionals, so she is familiar with the work they do; creating a strong working relationship should Council wish to engage her services.

Township Manager Danson requested permission to begin discussing with Ms. Gruel a plan for Maple Shade to engage in Heyer Gruel’s services for Affordable Housing and the Downtown area. Council agreed to begin exploring a working relationship with Heyer Gruel.

**OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**Reports** – September 2021, 3 Closed Cases (1 Mold, 2 Miscellaneous) – All Closed

**Public Participation** –

**Mr. Jermaine Williams - 93 Gardenia Drive, Maple Shade**

Mr. Williams addressed the Council and the Township Manager regarding a roach problem at the complex. He indicated he has reached out to Fox Meadow Management and the County Board of Health, but the problem continues to remain. Mr. Williams also prefaced that in allowing such issues to continue in the development, that it sends a message that a certain demographic should be expected to deal with it.

Township Manager Danson shared with Mr. Williams that the Township will help as they can, starting with outreach to Fox Meadow Management to inquire as to the remediation efforts. Mr. Williams was provided Manager Danson’s contact information for him to follow up so that he may be kept informed of the status.

**Motion to Close:** Nunes                      **Second:** Schmidt                      **All in Favor:** 5-0  
**Motion to Adjourn:** Kauffman              **Second:** Nunes                      **All in Favor:** 5-0

**PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items)**

**Karen Mastrangelo - 31 E. Mill Road, Maple Shade**

Ms. Mastrangelo asked if there will be a summation of Resolution 2021-R-136 will be read aloud. Township Manager Danson indicated there would be after the resolution was read into the record.

**Motion to Close:** Schmidt                      **Second:** Nunes                      **All in Favor:** 5-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2021-R-135** Resolution of Support for Senate Bill S4002 – Assembly Bill A5916 – Requires the Department of Health to Disseminate Information on Seizure First-Aid to Employers

**Resolution No. 2021-R-136** Approve Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding Agreement

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**Resolution No. 2021-R-137** Authorize the 2021-2022 School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement

**Resolution No. 2021-R-138** Authorize Temporary Street Closure on Fellowship Road from Chestnut Avenue to Main Street for a 9/11 Memorial Service from 11 am to 1:30 pm

**Resolution No. 2021-R-139** Authorize an Additional 3-Month Extension of Time for Award of a Construction Contract for the Combined FY2019 and FY2020 Municipal Aid Grant Funded Project

**Motion to Approve:** Schmidt    **Second:** Volpe    **Comments:** Kauffman    **Roll Call:** 5-0

Mr. Kauffman commented that Resolution 2021-R-135 was connected to a Resolution of Support previously approved by Council in 2020, and that he was proud Council has agreed to support the new bill.

**Fred Dare, - 442 Rynning Ave, Maple Shade**

Mr. Dare approached Council and asked what the recourse is should the independent fail to meet the agreed upon items in the MOU. Mr. Dare also asked if the Independent has been informed of consequences. Solicitor Fahey indicated to Mr. Dare that there are different benchmarks that need to be met, i.e., personnel, administrative, operations and that each would be judged separately. Township Manager Danson also reinforced that Council would make the decision on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to either move forward with the proposed Ordinance or allow the Independent additional time and that although there has not been communication with the Independent over the past week, that it would be made clear to the Independent should they fail to perform as agreed upon in the MOU, certain actions may be taken.

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

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST**

**Motion to Approve:** Nunes    **Second:** Kauffman    **Comments:**    **Roll Call:** 5-0

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Kauffman		x	x			
Ms. Nunes	x		x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

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**APPROVAL OF 2021 AUGUST MINUTES**

**Motion to Approve:** Schmidt **Second:** Kauffman **Comments:** **Roll Call:** 5-0

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Kauffman		x	x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

**Kauffman** – School is now in session, be careful

**Nunes** - echo what Mr. Kauffman said. Also please continue to be diligent with COVID cases on the rise

**Volpe** - Condolences to the Hasson Family with the loss of Capt. Hasson’s mother

**Schmidt** – Reminds the residents to take a moment and reflect on Saturday as to the horrific events of 20 years ago. Hopes to see everyone at the memorial service at noon

**Wiest** – Family Fun Day was a success. Condolences and sympathies to the Hasson family. Reminder as to the memorial service Saturday 9/11 at 12noon at the VFW Memorial on Main Street.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Operations** – Township Manager Danson reported E. Broadway remains closed at Stiles Ave due to a force main break. Engineer and Woodard & Curran are working to draft a repair plan. Township is still accepting applications for the position of laborer with the DPW. Applicants should have a CDL-B License or better. Brush and Bulk trash calls are on the rise in the manager’s office. Residents are reminded brush is collected curbside by DPW on Thursday’s and Fridays of each week. Bulk Trash is collected by the hauler and does not include entire contents of homes. Also, mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic in order to be collected.

**2. Police Report** – Chief Fletcher reported the “Grab & Go” Food box has been modified again with a lighter lid and will coordinate with the Township in getting the word out to residents who are in need. Fill the Truck Food Drive concludes on Wednesday 9/15/2021. Police will collect donations on Wednesdays on Main 9/15/2021. Volunteers of America (VOA) started in the Police Department the week of 9/7/21. Having a represented stationed in the Police Department will be a benefit to the community. The VOA has already been actively working with residents in need of housing, mental health services and food insecurities.

**3. Site Plan** – There was no meeting

**4. Advisory Board** – There was no meeting

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Township Manager** - reported Wednesday on Main 9/15/2021 is themed Music and Art in the Park. Big Bleu Band will be at the Gazebo performing. The Park will also have several exhibits and vendors for residents to enjoy.

**2. Mr. Kauffman** – Addressed Chief Fletcher as to the current needs for the planned K9 program in the police department. Mr. Kauffman pledged, on behalf of Rotary, financial assistance to help get the program off the ground.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Fred Dare – 442 Rynning Ave, Maple Shade**

Mr. Dare thanked Council for the opportunity to speak several times at the 8/26/2021 meeting. Appreciates the tolerance and courtesy Council gave to him and apologized to Council for “jumping on Council’s comments” to him that evening while addressing Council

**Jermaine Williams – 93 Gardenia Drive, Maple Shade**

Mr. Williams stated there is an issue with trash collection in Fox Meadow, specifically trash being placed around the dumpsters instead of inside. Mr. Williams asked who is responsible for the collection.

Mayor Wiest responded to the inquiry and indicated Fox Meadow is responsible for ensuring the trash is placed inside the dumpsters and not left around the container, as the hauler will not get out and collect the loose bags. Township Manager Danson shared she has had several conversations with Fox Meadow Management and that as of last week even authorized a third collection day in the community.

**Motion to Close:** Schmidt                      **Second:** Nunes                      **All in Favor:** 5-0

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Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
 SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, AT 6:30 PM**

**Motion:** Schmidt                      **Second:** Nunes                      **All in Favor:** 5-0

*Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – September 7, 2021*