

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

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 22, 2022.

Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on December 22, 2022.

Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on December 22, 2022.

ROLL CALL

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

Resolution No. 2023-R-61 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege – Personnel

Motion to Close (6:30 pm): Schmidt Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

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 (6:55 pm): Wiest Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – Manager Danson - there are three claims, two dog bites and one miscellaneous which was the approval to operate a food establishment (Crust and Fire).

Public Participation - none

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

Motion to Adjourn: Wiest Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

PRESENTATION – ARBOR DAY

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Kauffman			x			

PUBLIC PORTION - none

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STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council congratulated L & S Chocolates for their retirement and the new owners who are starting up in record speed. Condolences to Bob Barth’s family. The rabies clinic is Saturday and Fire House Craft Show. Special appreciation for all the people from the PD and recreation that put the Cinderella project together. Please go to the township website to get this month’s newsletter, it’s the best so far.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. the administration had its first active shooter training, thanks to the PD team
 - b. the letters for registrations involving the rental/lead-based paint requirements went out, over 100 responses to date.
 - c. the residents of Merion were not notified of the roadwork in a timely fashion, but it’s being rectified.
 - d. the North Coles and Collins Road is not holding up, we’re working with engineer.
 - e. the food bank grant is being reviewed
 - f. the budget is on the agenda to discuss
2. Police Report
 - a. training – good first step and great team building
 - b. use of force statistics; 27,000 calls, 18 use of force – 40% mental health issue
 - c. e-tickets: 1,817 issued, 785 warnings
 - d. signs at pedestrian crossings are showing signs of reduced speeding
 - e. drunk driving is creeping up – the cost of taxi/lift is increasing
 - f. Anthony Marshall and Sitka made another arrest, good team, K-9 vehicle almost ready
 - g. National Night Out has moved to Ace’s field with new and added activities (August 1, 2023) Broadway and Fellowship Road will be closed.
4. Site Plan – no report
5. Advisory Board – performing arts will be the first week of May on Main Street
 - ABC is not performing as it should, will evolve into Economic Development Commission, upgrade by-laws
 - graffiti at the parks, charged out-of-town person
 - MSBA at Jay’s Elbow Room
 - Carol Ann Peacock is retired, bank now Citizens

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Discussion – CFO McKendry presented the budget to council, for an average home at \$200,000 the increase will be \$38.00. The township will receive a one time only municipal relief aid of \$89,000. The budget will be introduced at the March 28th meeting.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
March 23, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

Motion (8:05 pm): Schmidt Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 3/7/23.